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OUTLINES.

At Palermo, Sicily, a military magazine exploded yesterday killing 25 and seriously injuring a hundred others, many houses were wrecked and fire completed their destruction——Another big coal mine horror is reported from Jacobs Creek, Pa., and from 200 to 250 are believed to have been killed; only one man known to have been in the mine, escaped; thus far but thirteen bodies have been recovered and they were terribly burned and mutilated; three were headless——A sensation was sprung in the case of Caleb Powers, charged with complicity in the murder of William Goebel, when two of Henry Youtsey's fellow convicts at the State's prison were placed on the witness stand——Shortly after the House of Representatives adjourned yesterday, Minority leader Williams and Representative DeArmond of Missouri became engaged in a heated discussion over the committee appointments which had just been announced by Speaker Cannon; the lie was passed and the two engaged in a fistic encounter, blood flowing down Mr. Williams' face freely and Mr. DeArmond receiving a flattened nose; in addition to the appointment of the committees considerable business was transacted in the House; several important bills and resolutions were offered and $50,000 was appropriated to supply a seed deficiency caused by a disastrous fire in the government seed ware house at Washington, which occurred recently——The State Corporation Commission of Virginia has fined the Atlantic Coast Line $100 for persistent disregard of the demurrage rules in the city of Richmond——Hobson Meade, a negro who last April beat and abused his sister and then killed his mother, has been captured at Richmond, Va., where the crime was committed——New York Markets: Money on call firm at 7 1-2 to 12 per cent., ruling rate 8, closing bid 7, offered at 8 per cent; cotton, spot closed steady, 20 points lower, middling uplands 11.70, middling gulf 11.92, sales, 305 bales; rosin, steady; turpentine, steady at 47; flour, steady with a quiet trade; corn meal stead; wheat, spot stead; oats, steady.

The third termers can now organize a consolation club.

A coal trust will never bother Tillman. He's red hot all the time.

It used to be Gay New York, but now they call it the gray old burg.

If there is any swimming to do at Goldfield, Funston is there and the man for the job.

Don't you believe it. The artesian well people had nothing to do with starting the Prohibition wake.

Harry Thaw says he wants "a quick trial" and the public should demand that plenty of quick-lime be kept handy.

Don't imagine you can have a happy Christmas without spending some money. Try to make somebody else happy.

Senator Davis says the proof readers on the Congressional Record "spoiled his speech." They probably tried to correct the grammar.

"Too much money is to be our next trouble," says a big New York banker. Well, let her come. We will do our share in handling the burden.

The Shah of Persia does worse than assigning obstreperous cabinet ministers to the Ananias Club. He puts them in chains and has them thrown in a dungeon.

The seven-masted schooner, Thos. W. Lawson is gone and it issad, of course, but the seven-funnelled hot-air ship, Tom Lawson, still remains intact and is doing business at the old stand.

Out with it; the coin-tossers must have a square deal. It has been discovered that the new ten-dollar gold piece is more apt to fall "on heads" when flipped into the air than it is to land "on tails."

A magazine says that the professional bank burglar has passed away. But we still have the defaulting cashier, the embezzling teller and the bank director who doesn't direct and these are infinitely more to be feared.

About the first thing a new member of Congress does when he gets to Washington is to introduce a bill for one or more public buildings in his district. In most cases his successor comes along, in a few years and introduces the same bill over again.

"The tombstones cutters' union is threatening to go on a strike," says a New England exchange. Who can blame them? The amount of false witness they are called upon to bear against a large number of people is a little short of appalling.

CITY MAKES O..ER

Negotiations For Water Works Purchase Has Now Taken New Tack.

THE OFFER IS $145,000

This As of January 1st, and Practically What Offer of $140,000 November 1st Amounted to—Action Expected.

Whether the city of Wilmington will purchase the plant of the Clarendon Water Works to be owned and operated as a municipal property after January the first of the new year, depends entirely upon the answer the company will make after a meeting of the stockholders of the corporation this morning to either accept or reject still another counter proposition that certain of the Aldermen have taken it upon themselves in the interest of harmony to make, believing that their colleagues on the Board will approve any conclusion that may be reached.

In brief the proposition which the Aldermen will make is this: The city will agree to take over the plant of the Clarendon Water Works Company on the first of January of the new year at exactly what the offer of $140,000 meant on November the first and as recommended by the Sewerage and Water Commission which as a committee of citizens made an investigation of the property with report to the Aldermen. It will be recalled that this offer of $140,000 was with the understanding that the company should retain certain quarterly rentals that had been paid in advance. The offer net was figured yesterday to be $145,000 and not $147,000 and the $145,000 or a very little above that will be the proposition which the stockholders of the company will consider this morning. A meeting of the special committee from the Board of Aldermen to consider the water works question was held yesterday morning and Alderman R. H. Northrop was appointed to convey the final counter proposition to the company as stated. This was done and it is now up to the stockholders to say whether or not they will take the amount named. If the offer is accepted, then the Board of Aldermen will be called together and the Aldermen will ratify the action of the committee in receiving the acceptance of the counter proposition. This meeting may be held tonight or tomorrow night or the whole matter may be postponed to the special meeting to be held for passing on liquor license directly after the holidays.

Upon receipt of the communication from the water company Tuesday, a canvass of the Board was officially made to ascertain if it was necessary to call a meeting and Wednesday it was found that a majority of the Board would not vote to pay the $150,000 asked by the company as of January 1st. The Mayor then announced that he would call no meeting of the Board to consider the counter proposition made by the company; that by the resolution passed at the regular meeting of the Board on the first Monday night in the month, the Board simply agreed to renew its offer as a finality on the basis of $140,000 as of November 1st and if this was not accepted in 15 days, then the negotiations were all off. The fifteen days expired with no acceptance of the company and the Mayor stated yesterday that the whole matter was off, but that the Aldermen had agreed to extend the 15 days until it could be ascertained if the company would accept the same offer with the change in terms from November 1st to January 1st.

It is believed by persons who profess to know that the offer of $145,000, which is the same as has been offered figured down to a basis of January 1st instead of November 1st, will be accepted by the company. In the communication making the last counter-proposition to sell at $150,000 January 1st, the company also suggests an arbitration by three disinterested business men, one to be named by the city, one by the company and in case these disagree to call in a third man. It is pointed out that any man the company would name could not conscientiously recommend more than $150,000 for the company itself has offered to sell for that amount. The member of the board of arbitrators named in behalf of the city would hardly name more than $140,000 as a price to be paid, because this is the highest amount that any committee or Board has appraised the property for the city. With one man at $140,000 and another at $150,000 the third man could do little more in reconciling the two disagreed members than to "split the difference" which would be $145,000 which the city is now offering to the company.

Final developments in the case are certainly expected today and the public will certainly feel itself a subject of congratulation for all hands are tired of the dickering.

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See Dick Warren about your fruit cake; 1,800 lbs, in stock. Warren's Steam Bakery. 2t

ANNUAL CHRISTMAS RUSH

Postoffice, Express and Transportation People of Every Class Are Overtaxed—The Public Should be Considerate.

The annual holiday rush at the postoffice and with the express people as well as with all institutions having to do with transportation during the Christmas period is now on and there will be no let up until after the New Year. At the postoffice this rush is very marked and the ancient custom of sending gifts and greetings to loved ones at a distance, while all very well and pretty in sentiment, is a season of hard work upon clerks and forwarding agencies of every nature.

Postmaster Wallace had sized up the situation long ago and has prepared for the rush with his big institution by putting on two additional carriers and adding as far as possible to the clerical force. But in spite of all the preparations that may be made for this time of the year, there is much for the public to do and a little consideration shown by the people at this time will not only result is securing the everlasting gratitude of the postoffice people, but those who do business with the office will be more certain that their packages and missives will not go astray. In the first place when a package is tendered, the sender should inform the clerk whether it is to be registered or not and if it is to be registered, it must have on it plainly marked the name and addresss of the sender as well as the addressee. This is very important as the clerk will not have time to stop and make all these inquiries. Then as to money orders, the sender must have his application already made out and the amount of money ready for immediate transfer to the clerk without unnecessary delay. All packages should be carefully wrapped, weighed and addressed and the proper amount of postage affixed where this is possible before it is handed in at the office. In other words, people should exercise common sense, realize the plight of the clerks and do all in their power to contribute to the rapid dispatch of business.

Nearly the same rules apply to the express company. Above all be considerate; keep your temper and help in every way you can to lessen the labors of an already over-worked class of people at this time of year.

The Christmas holidays also entail an untold amount of heavy work on trainmen of every class. Boys and girls are homeward bound from college to spend the holidays, cars are crowded and mail and express business is heavy. The great "General Public" could add a lot to the happiness of more than one person right now if they would just be considerate The newspapers are appealed to in times like these and the appeal should not be in vain.

CROWDS AT CRYSTAL PALACE.

Pretty Theatre Papular Retreat for Holiday Throngs.

The Crystal Palace again filled with people for the evening performances yesterday and the crowds were declared to have been the largest since the opening. The pretty little theatre is proving a popular retreat for hundreds of holiday shoppers who throng the streets these bracing Winter evenings and the patronage is all and more than the proprietors of the popular house of entertainment could expect. The Crystal Palace is a credit to the city and all who witness the production there are well pleased with what they see and hear.

There will be an entire change of programme this evening and tomorrow evening, the object being to give the fullest value as a special holiday offering. The programme will be published tomorrow morning for Saturday afternoon and night. The hours both in the afternoons and evenings are quite convenient for all who happen to be down town shopping or on other business.

STATE SWAMP LANDS.

Angola and Holly Shelter Tracts Withdrawn From Market.

(Special Star Telegram)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—The State Board of Education held an important meeting this evening, Secretary of State Grimes presiding. Col. W. B. Rodman, Frank Thompson and Chas. L. Abernethy were heard with reference to matters pertaining to Eastern Carolina swamp lands, also State Geologist Pratt, of Chapel Hill. The board decided to withdraw the Holly Shelter swamp lands in Pender county from the market; also the Angola swamp lands. These tracts are respectively fifty thousand and thirty thousand acres. The purpose of the Board is to ultimately join with the Federal government in a movement to drain these and other State swamp lands for agricultural purposes. The Board is considering the advisability of appointing a State forester to look after the State lands. There will be an adjourned meeting of the Board Saturday to finally settle a number of matters pertaining to these interests.

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RALEIGH IS STIRRED

Prohibition Campaign There is Assuming The All-Absorbing Proportions in City.

EDITOR OATES ON HUSTINGS

Says Some Things Capital City Don't Like—Important Decision of Supreme Court as to Municipalities—Notes.

(Special Star Correspondence)

Raleigh, N. C., Dec. 19.—John A. Oates, of Fayetteville, chairman of the North Carolina Anti-Saloon League, was the principal speaker at the prohibition rallies last night in connection with the prohibition campaign. He spoke at Fayetteville Street Baptist church and at the Tabernacle Baptist church. The attendance at both places was small, scarcely as large as on the previous evening when Governor Glenn had characterized the meeting as a "corporal's guard." However, prohibition workers attribute the small attendance to the rush of Christmas holidays rather than indifference to the prohibition issue. They express confidence that there will be a safe majority for prohibition.

Chairman Oates referred to the victory of saloons over prohibition at Snow Hill a few days ago and said the election was lost to prohibition by the negro vote. He declared amid applause that in all great questions of morals in North Carolina it was really a white man's fight and that negroes had no right to come in and besmirch the fair name and character of the State. He created a laugh by saying that the dispensary system was procured from the devil by European countries; that Tillman, of South Carolina, got it from Europe and Fayetteville got it from Tillman and Raleigh from Fayetteville. He said Raleigh was welcome to it until December 26th, when he wanted it wiped out.

The dispensary advocates are just now beginning an active canvass work among voters and the general opinion is that "dispensary stock" has risen considerably the past few days, and the claim is being made now that the vote will be much larger for dispensary than many of the dispensary advocates, even, had thought it would. A good deal of resentment is expressed by some who heard the charge of Chairman Oates that he had to work his way through crowds of drunken men to pass through the Raleigh union depot. They claim that hundreds of traveling men who frequent Raleigh will bear out the assertion that there is no more marked sobriety at a large station anywhere in North Carolina than in the Raleigh station. Some explained any evidences of drunkenness that Chairman Oates noticed last evening by the statement that the Federal Court had just adjourned after nearly two weeks devoted largely to trial of retailing and blockading in the prohibition communities of Durham and other points in the district of these "blind tiger" men and their patrons, the latter being here in large numbers as witnesses, were just starting for their homes on the outgoing trains.

Rev. Mordecai Ham, the prohibition evangelist, is training large classes of boys and girls as temperance singers to take part in street demonstrations the last few days of the campaign. He carried a street car load of boys and girls through the city over the car lines. They sang prohibition songs and created quite a demonstration.

Edgar A. Womble, for a number of years in the newspaper business in Raleigh and for three years Mayor and business man of Spring Hope, Nash county, has accepted the editorship of the Weekly Tar Heel, at Elizabeth City, and will take charge on January 1st.

A charter amendment was allowed today for the Newbern Iron Works (Incorporated) increasing the capital to $24,000. E. H. Williams is president.

A letter received in the State Treasury from Hon. B. R. Lacy, State Treasurer, who is in Arizona for a few months for relief from asthma, is to the effect that during the three weeks he has been there he has gained six pounds in weight and has not suffered at all from asthma. He will not return to North Carolina until the late Spring and hopes to return completely rid of the malady from which he has suffered so greatly during recent years.

The Southern Express Co., here has just opened the big new warehouse the company has erected at the Union depot and hereafter deliveries of express will be made throughout Raleigh from this building instead of from the uptown office near the State House.

The decision of the Supreme Court delivered yesterday in the case of White vs. Newbern is of special importance to municipalities in North Carolina as defining the liability of these municipalities in matters growing out of the discretionary powers of aldermen. In the case at bar, White had been injured by falling over the step of an old Colonial house extending to the sidewalk, the street being, it was alleged deficiently lighted. In suit for damages a judgment against the city was obtained from the jury. The Supreme Court takes the position that no liability for damages should lie in such a case for the reason that the lighting of the streets is a matter of discretion with the town authorities and the mere fact that the streets were not lighted as fulsomely as they might have been, unless unusual and dangerous conditions existed, was not negligence for which damages should be allowed. In the case at issue, the court stated, the steps over which the plaintiff fell had been there possibly a hundred years and the lighting of the street was as good as it had ever been, according to the evidence certified up to the court.

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THE RHOE CONTROVERSY

Demurrer by Defendants in Colored Baptist Church Controversy Overruled by Judge Biggs. First Blood.

First blood has been drawn by the anti-Rhoe faction in the sensational controversy which has for some time threatened the fabric of the congregation of the First Baptist Church, colored, of this city, and which finally reached the courts in a mandamus proceeding brought by Priestley C. Smith and other recalcitrants to oust the Rev. Rhoe from custody of the church property and organization at southeast corner of Fifth and Campbell streets.

The first victory for the "belligerents" came in an order from Judge J. Crawford Biggs yesterday, overruling a demurrer to the complaint at the last term of Superior Court here when the case was argued by Hon. Jno. D. Bellamy & Son for the anti-Rhoe faction and for Rhoe and his following by Herbert McClammy, Esq. The ruling is that the case is one for determination in the civil courts and the Rev. Rhoe is given 30 days from date of the December term to file his answer to the lengthy complaint filed by Smith and others invoking the aid of the State court in ousting the pastor, who, it is alleged, is now in possession of the organization and property of the church by voting "watch-care" members in a mutual council called to settle the differences in the congregation upon the intervention of the Rev. Fred D. Hale, D. D., pastor of the First Baptist Church, white, of Wilmington. The case will now probably come up for trial at the January term.

The complaint filed by Smith and others against Rhoe is fourteen closely typewritten pages and contains sensational charges of immoral conduct on the part of the pastor, reciting at length certain alleged incidents in Brunswick county, which do the colored pastor no credit. It also attacks his church polity and reviews at length the sensational fight for control of the church before the matter finally got in the higher courts. The demurrer entered by Rhoe through his attorney is to the effect that the complaint does not state either in fact or law a cause of action; that the cause of action is not within the jurisdiction of a civil court and if a cause of action exists, it is solely cognizable before an ecclesiastical court; that there are no property rights involved in the suit and, therefore, the court has no jurisdiction; that the matters complained of have been decided before the ecclesiastical tribunal and that the plaintiffs are barred in subsequent action in a civil court; that it is an attempt on the part of the plaintiffs to violate the amendment to Article 1 of the Constitution of the United States; that each Baptist church is a government unto itself and the civil court has no jurisdiction in the premises.

Upon receipt of the order from Judge Biggs yesterday morning a copy of the same was immediately served on Mr. McClammy, counsel for the Rhoe faction, and it is presumed that he will make answer to the complaint of Smith and others and prepare for trial in the Superior Court at once. The order of Judge Biggs, after enumerating the various parties, plaintiff and defendant, is as follows:

"This cause coming on to be heard before Judge J. Crawford Biggs at this term of the Superior Court and having been heard on the complaint and demurrer, it is ordered, considered and adjudged by the court that the demurrer be and it is hereby overruled and the defendants are allowed 30 days to answer as of this term."

New Pastor Arrived.

Rev. W. E. Hocutt, the newly appointed pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, arrived yesterday from Belhaven, N. C., and with his family, they are occupying the parsonage at No. 815 North Fifth street, where they have been made to feel at home by the congregation. Mr. Hocutt is one of the younger members of conference, who has great hold upon the people wherever he goes and Wilmington is delighted to welcome him, while regretting the departure of Rev. A. J. Parker and family. They will leave for their new home at Dunn, N. C., on Saturday of this week.

FOR LEE'S BIRTHDAY

Daughters of Confederacy Preparing to Honor Memory of South's Great Chieftain.

CAPE FEAR CHAPTER MEETS

Annual Election of Officers and Other Important Business Transacted Yesterday Afternoon—Interesting Reports.

One of the most highly interesting and most largely attended meetings of Cape Fear Chapter No. 2, United Daughters of the Confederacy, held in a twelve-month, was that yesterday afternoon at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory when all arrangements for a proper observance of General Robert E. Lee's birthday in January were decided upon, the annual election of officers was held and much other important business was transacted, concluding with a delightful social session most admirably arranged by the entertainment committee.

Mrs. Martin S. Willard, the president, presided at the meeting and Mrs. Cuthbert Martin was at her post as secretary. The attendance was unusually large and after the regular order of opening the meeting, business was taken up with a most interesting and comprehensive report from the General Convention held recently in Norfolk by Mrs. C. D. Bell, one of the delegates from Cape Fear Chapter. Mrs. Bell gave a splendid review of the work of the great meeting and her paper was received with much enthusiasm.

The report from the Chapter Committee to confer with a similar committee from Cape Fear Camp, United Confederate Veterans, with reference to a proper observance of General Robert E. Lee's birthday, was submitted by Mrs. W. G. Pulliam and unanimously adopted, the Chapter at once taking steps to carry out the plans decided upon. The birthday of the immortal Confederate chieftain falls this year on Sunday, but it was decided to have the observance on the following day, Monday, January 20th. On that day all Confederate veterans will be served with a hot dinner in the Masonic Temple at 1 o'clock in the afternoon, this to be followed by the military parade and formal exercises at the Academy of Music at an hour to be named later. The orator for the occasion has not yet been selected, but the usual pretty and impressive exercises in honor of General Lee will take place. The military commands of the city will assemble at their respective armories and form a procession to the opera house where they will be assigned with the veterans to special seats reserved for them. The Daughters of the Confederacy will also assemble at the Wilmington Light Infantry armory and proceed to the Academy in a body. Committees were named yesterday afternoon as given below to have in charge all features of the arrangements for this delightful affair.

The annual election of officers of the Chapter was then entered upon. Before proceeding with the regular election, upon motion of Mrs. Cuthbert Martin the Chapter made a pretty recognition of faithful and devoted work in the cause by electing Miss Hettie James an honorary vice president for life. Other officers were then elected as follows:

President—Mrs. Martin S. Willard.
Vice President—Mrs. W. G. Pulliam.
Recording Secretary—Mrs. Cuthbert Martin.
Corresponding Secretary—Mrs. R. W. Hicks.
Treasurer—Mrs. J. Hicks Bunting.
Registrar—Miss Mary Saunders.
Custodian of Crosses of Honor—Mrs. William M. Parsley.

The new office of Historian was created and Mrs. C. D. Bell was given the high compliment of being elected to this position. The unanimous re-election of Mrs. Martin as recording secretary was for the fourth consecutive year and was a deserved testimonial to her thorough efficiency and devotion to the cause of the Confederacy.

The newly-elected officers were introduced to the Chapter and assumed their respective positions after which the routine work of the meeting was closed up and an adjournment was taken. The formal part of the proceedings was followed by a social half hour during which tea and Nabiscos were daintily served under the direction of the entertainment committee of the Chapter composed of Mrs. F. L. Huggins, Mrs. E. K. Bryan and Mrs. Ancrum Lord. The entertainment was a fitting finale to one of the most pleasurable meetings the Chapter has ever held.

Lee Birthday Committees.

The committees appointed to have in charge the several departments of the arrangements for the Lee birthday observance, viz:

Decorating Academy—Mrs. Cuthbert Martin, chairman; Miss Mary Calder, Miss Eliza Metts, Miss Viola Bear, Miss Minnie Brown.

Committee on Hall—Mrs. F. A. Lord.

Committee on Table—Mrs. F. E. Owen, chairman; Mrs. R. E. Smith,

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TRIAL OF STOESSEL.

The further trial of Lieutenant General Stoessel by court martial, who defended Port Arthur during the war with Japan several years ago proceeds, the more apparent does it become that it would have been far better for the credit of Russian arms, as well as for Russia's sense of justice, had the court martial never been convened.

The Court of Inquiry which originally investigated the conduct of General Stoessel and his officers should have fully exonerated the unfortunate commander and his garrison. This would have saved Russia from the shameful spectacle of placing on trial for his life, after first being dismissed from its active army, the only General who did any really creditable work during the struggle with Japan.

The most important testimony brought out by the court martial was that of General Kuropatkin, who was Russian Commander-in-Chief up to and including the retreat from Mukden. Kuropatkin testified that at the outbreak of the war the defenses of Port Arthur were in no condition to resist a vigorous onslaught, and had the Japanese attacked with vigor then the fortress must of necessity have fallen.

Yet the records show that the garrison of Port Arthur under General Stoessel not only improvised formidable fortifications, but actually held the place for six months against the most determined and reckless attacks of the constantly re-enforced Japanese army under General Nogi.

When this stubborn resistance of a fortress, admitted to have been at the start in no shape for defense, is contrasted with the pitiful showing made by the Russian armies in Manchuria, the disastrous defeats suffered by General Kuropatkin culminating in the Mukden disaster and the disgraceful showing made by the Russian fleet, Stoessel's defense of Port Arthur shines conspicuously.

The contrast has undoubtedly made powerful enemies for the General, hence the effort to blacken his character and to make his conduct at Port Arthur assume another than the brilliant aspect which impressed the world at large at the time. If anything were needed to show the utter rottenness of the Russian military service, this court-martial has furishned the required evidence.

BREWERS ARE HUSTLING.

The brewers of the country, having at last become impressed by the power of the Prohibition movement that appears to be sweeping over the land, held a meeting in New York a few days ago and decided to join hands with the more conservative forces of society to abolish all law defying and disreputable saloons and also to raise a great fund to be used in checking the sweep of Prohibition.

If the big liquor interests had attended to the former part of this proposition long ago or shown any active interests in it, the present hue and cry against the traffic might not have been so pronounced. It has been the Sunday back door, the female and gambling auxiliaries and other like evils, that are largely responsible for the present state of affairs.

Among the men present at the meeting above mentioned was Mr. Busch, the head of the big St. Louis brewery, which bears his name and which is said to be the largest in the world. What he then stated and what he more recently said at Kansas City is worthy of careful attention.

He stated that he had long known that the liquor business should be regulated. He had been waiting a turn in public sentiment with which regulation could come. Now he was ready for the new fight, which would ignore the mere business competition that had ruled in the past—it having been merely a question of dollars and cents—and would strive to the uttermost to eliminate the abuses of the business. His business house was the pride of his life, and he could not view the opinion of his fellow countrymen with indifference. Hereafter, if the sign of his house was found on a disorderly place it should come down, and he would join with the officers of the law in eliminating such places.

WOMEN IN POSTOFFICES.

There can be no doubt but that in the smaller postoffices throughout the country women have served well as postmistresses.

The records of the department at Washington show that they have been methodical in their work, expeditious, courteous and above all honest.

The wages are small and the hours long but the work is not often hard.

As for that reputed failing of all womankind, curiosity, it is shared equally by the men. It is no use to try to make us believe that postmistresses read the postal cards and gossip about the superscriptions of letters any more than the men do.

We do not believe the story of the postmistress who (as alleged) having passed a postcard through the window, exclaimed: "Oh, please hand that back, Mr. Jones, I haven't read it, yet."

Nevertheless, there has been a well defined movement started in opposition to the employment of women in the service and particularly against placing them in charge of postoffices, no matter how small. The movement started in Georgia and from Press reports threatens to become general. It is purely political, we venture to assert and for this reason. A postmistress is of no political consequence in her district. That's about the situation in an nut shell. However, the political postmaster is a nuisance, always has been and always will be. The movement above noted is reactionary and deserves to fail.

THE COUNTRY EDITOR.

Times are never very easy for the publisher of the country weekly. Some of them, of course, have become rich, in worldly goods, but most of them only in friends, and even at that it has been an uphill fight.

He, as a rule unselfishly gives his talents and time to the upbuilding of his community and has a hard time making both ends meet. His paper, if of the "some account" variety, is the mainstay of the town's reputation abroad, but the support he receives is seldom inspiring.

The Southampton Democrat says:

"There are hundreds of dollars due us on our subscription accounts, and if our delinquents would but make an effort to liquidate their accounts with us it would assist considerably in relieving the stringency of the times (in this office). We would be enabled then to donate our last summer's straw hat and linen pants to the missionaries in the tropics. They are rather light of weight for us now and we fear that unless they are soon discarded for something more seasonable we shall be forced to make application for the warmest room in the new county 'hotel' (now being finished) and there remain for some time after the ground hog makes his appearance next year."

The independent character of the managers of the coming Seattle Exposition is something refreshing. They do not intend to ask the National Government for help, which is most discreet to say the least. With the Jamestown experience still fresh in mind, Congress will hardly be in a temper to hand out money to expositions for some time to come. The Seattle Exposition will be a success, no doubt, because its managers will not undertake more than they can do. The people on the Pacific Coast have a way of doing all kind of things that brings results. There will not be much representation from this part of the country—and it could not be expected—but the exposition will interest everybody on the Pacific side.

The farmers of Texas have taken up the growing of peanuts to an extent which makes it probable that within the comparatively near future the great peanut growing States of Virginia, Tennessee and Georgia will have to relinquish their laurels to grand old Texas, as is being done in the case of other States in the production of other products. At a peanut factory recently established in Terrell, about 1,500 bushels a day are being handled.

Beginning Jan. 1, the Washington Herald will advance the price of its daily edition from one to two cents. In making this announcement its publishers say:

"Several reasons—all logical reasons—might be given for the increase but the one logical reason, that the paper will be worth it, is sufficient."

The sale of a newspaper for less than the cost of the raw material on which it is printed is an absurdity, and in all parts of the country the publishers of such journals are raising the price.

Last year the United Cigar Stores Company paid a dividend of 40 per cent. It sold $13,000,000 worth of tobacco. This year Mr. Whalan says the sales will amount to from $3,000,000 to $4,000,000 more than that. At this rate what sort of a dividend will the concern be able to pay ten years hence.

—Poor Stoessel. The war is not over for him yet.—Philadelphia Inquirer.

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Our delicious Cod Liver preparation without oil. Better than old-fashioned cod liver oil and emulsions to restore health for Old people, delicate children, weak run-down persons, and after sickness, colds, coughs, bronchitis and all throat and lung troubles.

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ROBT. R. BELLAMY, Druggist.
Wilmington, N. C.

CURRENT COMMENT.

—Loose financial methods usually bring about tight money.—Dayton Herald.

—Mr. T. Roosevelt: "Thanks for them few kind words." (Signed) Fairbanks, Foraker, Taft, Cortelyou, Cannon, Knox.—Baltimore Sun.

—A few of the brewers still act as if they thought they were conceding a good deal in not demanding Sunday closing of the churches.—Ohio State Journal.

—It will be Bryan again. Nothing but his death or a firm resolve not to accept will prevent his nomination as the Democratic candidate for President.—Evening Metropolis.

—The Pennsylvania State bankers, after an examination of Wall street, have diagnosed the trouble as "imaginitis." The symptoms are cold feet and a haunting fear of losing money.—Columbus Dispatch.

—The pitchfork Senator has his admirers and friends. So has the one-gallused wearer of the toga from Arkansas. But in the hall of fame they'll look like thirty cents in a bunch of octopi.—Greensboro Daily News.

—"Two Pittsburg men convicted of stealing three cents have been sentenced each to two years in the penitentiary." The mistake they made was in not stealing three millions.—Richmond News Leader.

—Some weeks ago the Woodsville News propounded the question why the devil was always represented as of masculine gender. It is quite a problem, but then it may be because he is so terribly fascinating.—United Opinion.

—The Charleston News and Courier's ultimatum suggests that another war may be averted between the North and the South if the new Senator from Arkansas be referred to as "Senator J. Davis."—Washington Herald.

TWINKLINGS.

—Sometimes a woman who marries for a home learns to keep a boarding house.—Cleveland Leader.

—The moth may eventually singe his wings, but meanwhile you can't convince him he is not having a good time.—Puck.

—Marley—Tell me, candidly, does your wife care for you? Marigold—Oh, yes; I'd starve if she didn't.—Chicago Record-Herald.

—Some men think they are getting their share of the country's prosperity if their wives succeed in getting a steady job.—Washington Post.

—The Way You Say It.—"Does the razor hurt, sir?" inquired the barber, anxiously. "Can't say," replied the victim, testily, "but my face does."—Harper's Weekly.

—At the Church Bazar.—"Would you like to take a chance?" she asked sweetly, "No, thank you," he replied; "Iv'e already been married three times times."—Pick-Me-Up.

—Different Customs.—Housekeeper—How does it happen, Jane, that you never saw finger bowls before? Didn't they use them in the last place you worked? June—No, marm, they mostly washed theirselves before they came to the table marm.—Life.

—A Flare-Back.—"Brudder Jones, if you didn't smoke, you might own a brick house, like what I does." "Look here, man, don't you come pesterin' wif me like dat. You didn't git dat brick house by not smokin'. You got it by borrowin' mah newspaper to read an' mah clothes to wear, an' mah vittles to eat. You may be a fly financier, but dat don't gib you no license to set up fer a human copy-book!"—Washington Herald.

Only One "BROMO QUININE."
This is LAXATIVE BROMO QUININE. Look for the signature of E. W. Grove. Used the World over to Cure a Cold in One Day. 25c.

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SHIRTS
Equal in appearance, in fit, and in wearing qualities, the production of the careful custom shop. They are exceptionally good value at $1.50 and more.
CLUETT, PEABODY & CO.
MAKERS OF ARROW COLLARS

Christmas Suggestions
From Our Stock
Let This Be a Year of Practical Gifts.

Fine Pearl Handled KNIVES for the ladies.
Pearl and Stag Handle KNIVES for the gentlemen.
JACK KNIVES for the boys.
CHAIN POCKET KNIVES for the children.
MANICURE SETS for ladies.
MANICURE SETS for gentlemen.
MANICURE SCISSORS.
NAIL SCISSORS.
EMBROIDERY SCISSORS.
FANCY SCISSORS.
GILLETTE SAFETY RAZORS.
EVER READY $1.00 SAFETY RAZORS.
STAR SAFETY RAZORS.
CORN KNIVES.
RAZOR SETS.
STROPS.
LIBRARY SCISSORS.
SILVER KNIVES AND FORKS.
SILVER TEA AND TABLE SPOONS.
MEAT FORKS.
SAVORY ROASTERS plain Agate or Agate and Nickeled $1.00 to $3.00.
RIFLES for the boys $1.50.
BREECHLOADERS $4.00 to $40.00.
COFFEE PERCOLATORS.
REVOLVERS (S. & W. and Iver Johnson).
BOYS HANDLED AXES.
TEA AND COFFEE POTS.
MAJESTIC RANGES.
MAJESTIC WASHING MACHINES.
BAKING DISHES.
BREAD AND CAKE MIXERS.
FOOD CHOPPERS.
FRENCH CHEF CARVERS, Stag Handle and Ivory.
MEAT AND GAME CARVING SETS—Silver Trimmed.
JOSEPH ROGERS & SONS CARVERS.
CRUMB TRAYS.
CUSPIDORS.
FINE BRASS GOODS.
FAMILY SCALES.
FIRE DOGS, Bronze and Brass.
ASBESTOS SAD IRON, Separate or in Sets.
And hundreds of other useful Articles.

We Never Sleep
N. Jacobi Hardware Co.
dec 6-tf.

New Toys and Dolls
On Display This Week at
GAYLORD'S
DEPARTMENT STORE
FIRE WORKS
For XMAS GOODS Go to GAYLORD'S
Baby Carriages at GAYLORD'S
Wholesale and Retail DOLLS AND TOYS
GEO. O. GAYLORD
DEPARTMENT STORE
dec 8 tf

Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains
In addition to a large Stock of Dry Goods and Notions I have put in Mattings, Art Squares and Lace Curtains, and ask the public to inspect before buying.
J. WEIL, 116 Market St.
Sole Agents for THE NEMO CORSET and MAY MANTON PATTERNS.

Well Pleased With Our Purchases

We are showing the most complete line of Xmas goods in the city.

Diamonds, Watches, Broaches, Chains, Lockets, Bracelets, Pins, Fountain Pens, Fobs, Rings, Shaving Sets, Manicure Sets, Comb and Brush Sets, Silver Services, Silver Novelties, Brass Goods, Fancy China, Vases, Fine Dinner Sets, Etc.

F. A. BISSINGER.
119 Market.
dec 10 tf

MAKE HAY....
and let us Sell you a
HAY PRESS.
to be worked by horse power, making neat small bales. Bagging and Ties. are going to be in good demand and you should buy now.
Full stock Heavy Groceries.
The Worth Co.

STATEMENT

Condition of THE MURCHISON NATIONAL BANK of Wilmington, N. C., at the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts	$1,767,886 59
N. C. State Bonds	55,000 00
U. S. Bonds (at par)	450,000 00
Bank Building	25,000 00
Cash	891,114 25
	$3,189,000,84

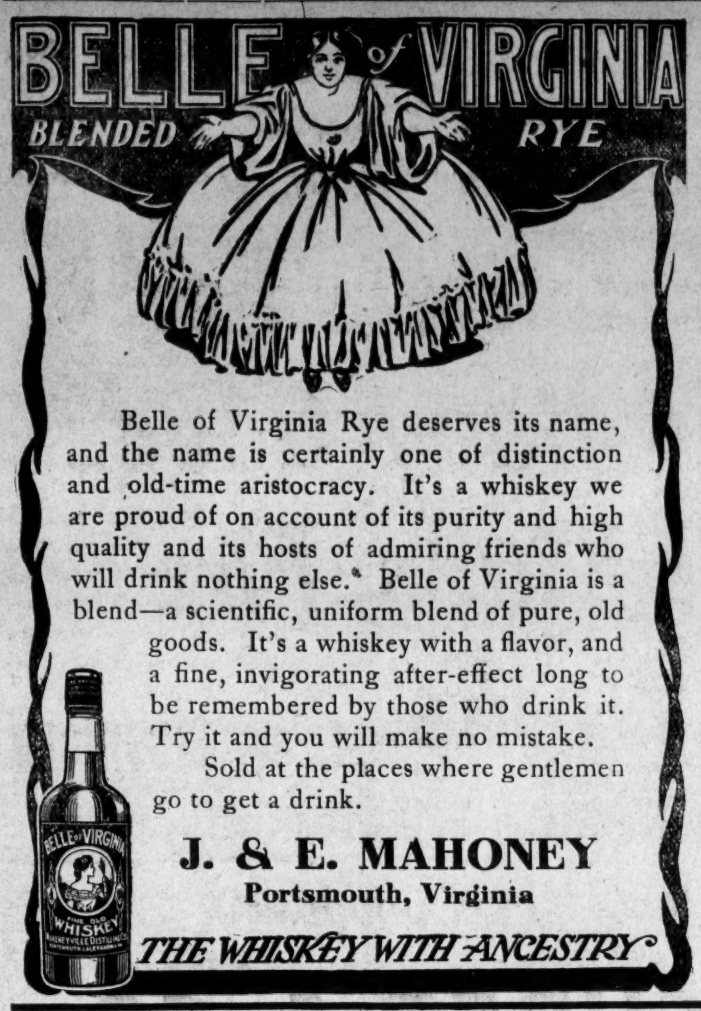
LIABILITIES.

Capital	$ 500,000 00
Surplus and Net Profits	227,211 61
Circulation	425,000 00
Deposits	1,936,789 23
U. S. Bond Account	100,000 00
	$3,189,000,84

DEPOSITS:
December 3rd, 1903, $1,457,386 48
December 3rd, 1905, $1,856,479 01
December 3rd, 1907, $1,936,789 23
dec 4 tf

Seasonable Goods
Cocoanuts, Mixed Nuts, Raisins. Apples, Etc. Bagging and Ties.
A Full Line of Heavy Groceries.
Hall & Pearsall, INC.
nov 23 tf

A Gift Worth While
The money spent for trinkets by the average family at Christmas time would buy an Edison Phonograph. The trinkets last about as long as Christmas does. The Edison Phonograph affords enjoyment day after day and year after year. The trinkets please only the individual recipients. The Edison Phonograph offers a continuous round of pleasure for the whole family.
It is the greatest music-maker of the age. It brings into the home circle all of the world's music, rendering with wonderful faithfulness whatever song, instrumental piece, or orchestral selection is desired.
Make this Christmas the merriest of all by having for its chief feature an.
EDISON PHONOGRAPH.
December Records now on sale.
J. W. ROBINSON & CO.
205 PRINCESS STREET.
nov 26 tf



Belle of Virginia Rye deserves its name, and the name is certainly one of distinction and old-time aristocracy. It's a whiskey we are proud of on account of its purity and high quality and its hosts of admiring friends who will drink nothing else. Belle of Virginia is a blend—a scientific, uniform blend of pure, old goods. It's a whiskey with a flavor, and a fine, invigorating after-effect long to be remembered by those who drink it. Try it and you will make no mistake.

Sold at the places where gentlemen go to get a drink.

J. & E. MAHONEY
Portsmouth, Virginia

THE WHISKEY WITH ANCESTRY

What's the Use

of paying more for an article through prejudice, than you can buy for less, that's just as good?

Take Whiskey, for Instance.

We make but one charge—just for whiskey—that's all. When you pay more than we ask for our whiskey you are being taxed for something else besides the whiskey.

Now "WHAT'S THE USE" of you paying an excess to anybody for imaginary superiority—when we have the same goods, but are content through immense volumes of sales, to break even on profits—instead of "hikeing up" the price beyond the point of giving you value received.

"CHESTERFIELD" products are "AS GOOD AS THE BEST FOR LESS." That's the reason "CHESTERFIELD" Whiskies are popular.

"CHESTERFIELD NEVER DISAPPOINTS." Full quart $1.00. TRY IT.

Southern Distilling Co.

M. SELIGMAN, MANAGER.

Phone 248 for quick delivery. se 22-tf

Suggestions For Christmas Presents---

Ladies' and Gents' Kid Gloves. Ladies' and Gents' Umbrellas. Handbags.

A nice set of Furs for Ladies and Children. Ruching in fancy boxes.

Napkins, towels, and table linen. Table damask and napkins in sets, and the most attractive assortment of Handkerchiefs ever seen in this city.

C. H. FORE & COMPANY

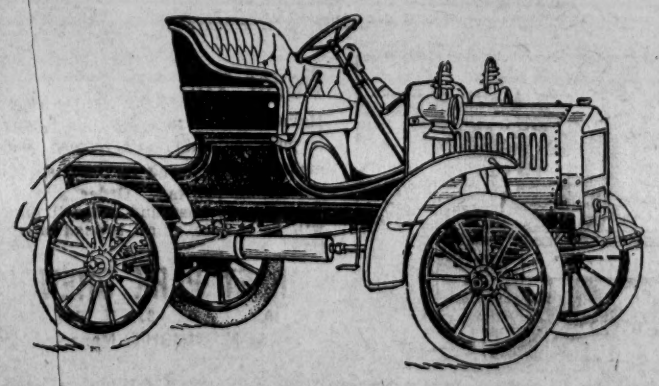
Agents for Jaeger Underwear and Red Fern Corsets.

The Season for Sporting Goods Is On

Call in and let us show you complete line of Remington hammer and hammerless Guns. The celebrated Baker, all grades. Also fine line of Belgium Hammer Guns, Gun Covers, Leggins and a large and assorted stock of Ammunition.

WM. E. SPRINGER & COMPANY

THE PEERLESS MAXWELL



Guaranteed for 12 months and will last ten years.

FRANK HERBST. Sole Agent.

STATISTICS

Kansas has suffered for 26 years under the burden of prohibition. Minnesota has licensed bar rooms. Both are prairie States, both were settled at about the same time, both are Western States. Similar conditions prevailed in both States until prohibition struck Kansas. Statistics, showing the conditions of both States previous to Kansas prohibition and after it, should therefore contain a better lesson than mere arguments could convey.

The Consequence of Licensed Bar Rooms in Minnesota.

In 1880 Minnesota had 780,773 inhabitants.

In 1900 Minnesota had 1,751,494 inhabitants.

Minnesota spends for public schools $4.31 per head of inhabitants or $30.19 for every pupil.

Minnesota has 28 paupers to 100,000 inhabitants.

Last year Minnesota had 690 convicts.

In Minnesota 106 were accused of murder.

33 cases of rape were reported in Minnesota.

115 convicts were natives of Minnesota with its licensed bars.

The Consequence of Prohibition in Kansas.

In 1880 Kansas had 996,096 inhabitants.

In 1900—after 20 years of prohibition—Kansas had 1,470,495 inhabitants.

Kansas spends for public schools $3.68 per head of inhabitants or $22.08 for every pupil.

Kansas has 41 paupers to 100,000 inhabitants.

Last year Kansas had 818 convicts.

In Kansas 172 were accused of murder.

80 cases of rape were reported in Kansas.

185 convicts were natives of Kansas with its prohibitionists.

Statistics show, that prohibition is a promoter of crime, murder, rape, poverty and retrogression. The facts, as proved by above statistics become more atrocious, when we take into consideration that Minnesota has one city of 200,000, one of 150,000 inhabitants and that the third rate city —Duluth—is larger than the largest city in Kansas. Accordingly Minnesota should have more paupers and criminals than Kansas, but Kansas takes the palm for paupers and criminals! will the prohibitionists learn anything from these statistics? Hardly!

A Vile Performance.

On the occasion of his brother's benefit Edwin Booth was standing behind the scenes when a character actor who had been giving imitations of noted actors was about to respond to an encore.

"Whom do you imitate next?" inquired Booth.

"Well," was the reply, "I was going to represent you in Hamlet's soliloquy, but if you look on I'm afraid I shall make a mess of it."

"Suppose I imitate myself." remarked the tragedian, and, hastily putting on the other actor's wig and buttoning up his coat, he went on and delivered the well known lines.

Next morning the newspapers stated that the imitations ruined the performance, "the personation of Edwin Booth being simply vile enough to make that actor shudder had he seen it."—Toledo Blade.

Costly Windsor Castle.

No royal castle has cost Great Britain more in hard cash than that of Windsor, says the London Chronicle. When George IV. announced his intention of making it a family residence parliament granted him £300,000 toward its reconstruction. For four years the work went merrily on under fresh grants, and the king then took possession of the private apartments. That did not end the expenditure however. By the time William IV. had satisfied himself that there was nothing more to be done the castle had swallowed up close to a million pounds.

Pope's Skull.

The skull of Alexander Pope, the poet and satirist, is in the private collection of a phrenologist. During some alterations in the churchyard where Pope was buried it was necessary to move his coffin, which was opened at the time to ascertain the state of his remains. By bribing the sexton of the church possession of the poet's skull was obtained for the night, and in the morning a different skull was returned instead. The cost of the skull, including the bribe, was £50.

His Stubbornness.

"Haven't you and your friend got through that argument yet?" asked a parent of his youngest son.

"It isn't any argument," answered the boy. "I am merely telling Jimmie the facts in the case, and he is so beastly stubborn that he won't understand."—Chums.

Her Head Was Hot.

Lady Dorothy Nevill in her reminiscences tells this story of the two Misses Walpole, her cousins: "On one occasion, when both of the two were well over ninety, Miss Fanny, the younger, who had that day been rather ill, only joined her sister in the sitting room just before dinner. On her arrival downstairs the latter (Miss Charlotte by name) remarked: 'Fanny, I am going to be ill too. I feel so hot about the head. It must be apoplexy.' 'Nothing of the sort!' exclaimed Miss Fanny, making a dash at her sister's head. 'Your cap's on fire, and I'm going to put it out.' And so the brave old thing did."

The First Dancers.

People have danced for thousands of years and will probably continue to do so for ages to come. This custom is of ancient origin. The first people to dance were the Curetes, who adopted dancing as a mark of rejoicing in 1543 B. C. In early times the Greeks combined dancing with the drama, and in 22 B. C. pantomimic dances were introduced on the Roman stage. At the discovery of America the American Indians were holding their religious, martial and social dances.

Daily Duties.

The best part of one's life is the performance of one's daily duties. All higher motives, ideas, conceptions and sentiments in a man's life are of little value if they do not strengthen him for the better discharge of the duties which devolve upon him in the ordinary affairs of life.

Something to "Lean On"

and a visible means of practical support is a good, substantial Bank Account. Once you have a good balance at your banker's, you do not care how things go, because you feel practically independent. And the only way to get a Bank Account is to save, and save, and acquire riches by patient thrift. We can help you do this by taking care of your savings and paying you a good interest thereon. Do not delay, but start saving at once.

Carolina Savings & Trust Co.

In the big white building, Corner Front and Princess streets.

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Coal Lime

W. B. THORPE & CO., Inc.

WOOD WOOD WOOD

Oak, Black Jack and Pine, Cut for stoves.

"Lightwood Blocks."
"Mid-way" Lumps.

The best Coal for Grates.
Building Material.

Lime, Cement, Wall Plaster, etc.

Wood Cement

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Do Your Christmas Buying NOW!

Before the rush begins.

Many new suggestions in our stock this year, a full variety of many little things of beauty and worth that make most acceptable gifts, at moderate cost. Books, Pictures, Leather Goods, Metal Novelties, Fine Stationery Cabinets, Christmas Cards and Calendars, etc., etc.

Take ample time to make your selections and have them laid aside until you wish them delivered.

Prompt and polite attention to all.

C. W. Yates & Co.

MARKET STREET.

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BURETT H. STEPHENS
Architect
and Consulting Engineer
406 Southern Building

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We have the Nobbiest Line of Xmas Slippers In the City.

HEWLETT & PRICE
109 Market St.

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XMAS CHEER

We carry the largest and most complete assortment of Wines and Liquors in the city.

Sold at reasonable prices and quality guaranteed. Ask for price list and mail us your order.

GIESCHEN BROS.
OPPOSITE UNION DEPOT.
Wilmington, N. C.

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Canary Birds and Parrots

Imported and native Canaries, good singers; Mexican and Cuban Parrots, in cages, make acceptable Christmas Presents. For sale by

W. W. KING, Jr.,
At Solomon's Shoe Store.

Removal Notice

This is to notify my friends and patrons and any others who may be interested, that I have moved my office from 16 Princess St., to the Odd Fellows' Building, Room 15. I have houses, building lots, cemetery lots, farms, timber lands, bank stock, mill stock and mercantile stock from Charleston, W. Va., to Titusville, Fla., For sale, a few good renting propositions. Call and see me at Room 15, Odd Fellows' Building.

G. W. SHEPARD
The Real Estate Man.

Christmas Gifts

A Christmas gift to be appreciated, is one that is useful and lasting. We have an especial fine selection at our new location, consisting of:

Rogers Silver Plated Knives and Forks,
Rogers Silver Plated Spoons,
Fine Carving Sets,
Pocket and Table Cutlery, Scissors, Desk Sets, Razors and Razor Strops, Ever Ready and Gillette Safety Razors, Rifles and Shot Guns, and many other articles not mentioned here.

Sloan & Sweeney
Phone 332 18 S. Front St.

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THE C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY

"The Store That's Always Busy"

The only Dry Goods Store giving away free **Red Southern Trading Stamps**, which you will see by reading the list of merchants published in this advertisement.

Make your money do double duty every morning until Christmas. **We will give away DOUBLE TRADING STAMPS** every day from 8 o'clock to 12 noon. That is for every ten cent purchase you get two trading stamps, the kind that are redeemed at the Premium Store on Market Street—who have just received a handsome line of Premiums, such as Hand Painted China, Cut Glass, Bric a Brac, Furniture, pictures and a thousand other useful articles. We shall only give one stamp during the remainder of the day.

The Toy Department occupies our entire basement floor—all the latest novelties in toys are shown.

List of merchants giving Red Southern Trading Stamps in our city.

J. T. Burke	Jeweler	27 So. Front
J. H. Borneman	Grocer	8th & Wooster
S. F. Craig	Grocer	605 N. Front
J. H. Taylor	Grocer	131 Market
J. W. Murchison & Co.	Hardware	109 N. Front
A. H. Benson	Grocer	924 So. 3rd
W. Munroe & Co.	Furniture	15-17 So. Front
R. A. Montgomery	Groceries & Meats	8th & Princess
Levi McMillan	Shoes, 2 stores	4th & Princess
C. W. Polvogt Co.	Dry Goods	123 N. Front
Rice & Claud	Furniture	607 N. Fourth
Chas. Richter	Grocer	928 N. Fourth
J. Shrien	Clothing	Front & Princess
E. A. Todd	Grocer	7th & Castle
C. W. Yates & Co.	Books & Stationary	117 Market
J. Laughlin & Co.	Grocer	601 So. Front

Watch our window display from day to day.

Our Carpet Department on second floor is full of useful Christmas presents—Down Quilts, Rugs, Fancy Pillows, Couch Covers, Blankets, Art Squares, Portieres, Lace Curtains, etc., etc.

The C. W. POLVOGT COMPANY
The largest users of Red Southern Trading Stamps in the State.

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Advertising Pays Best in The Morning Star

The Morning Star.

Friday, December 20, 1907.

WEATHER REPORT.

U. S. Department of Agriculture Weather Bureau.

Wilmington, N. C., Dec. 20, 1907.

Meteorological data for the 24 hours ending at 8 P. M. Thursday, December 19:

Temperature at 8 A. M., 36 degrees; 8 P. M., 43 degrees; maximum, 49 degrees; minimum, 36 degrees; mean, 42 degrees.

Rainfall for the day, .04; rainfall for the month, 1.73.

Stage of water in Cape Fear river at Fayetteville at 8 A. M. Wednesday 23 feet 6 inches.

Weather Forecast.

For North Carolina—Saturday fair except snow or rain in mountain districts, fresh northeast winds.

Port Calendar—Dec. 20.

Sun Rises .....7:07 A. M.
Sun Sets .....4:48 P. M.
Day's Length .....9 hrs. 44 min.
High water at Southport 8:13 A. M.
High water at Wilmington 10:43 A. M.

NEW ADVERTISEMENTS.

Atlantic Trust & Banking Co.—Deposit Any Amount.

Wilmington Lodge, A. F., & A. M.—Emergent Communication.

Business Locals.

Lost—Setter Dog.

Lost—Gold Necklace.

Baggett Brothers—Remember.

Wanted—Boarders for Large Room.

For Sale—Good Business Location.

Baggett Brothers—Fruits and candies.

For Sale—Suits Black Walnut Furniture.

Wanted—Young Man to Feed Press.

For Sale—Christmas Plants and Flowers.

Baggett Brothers—Prices and Quality Talk.

PERSONAL PARAGRAPHS.

—Herbert McClammy, Esq., returned yesterday from a professional visit to Philadelphia.

—Mr. F. Johnson, of Cerro Gordo, was in the city yesterday and was a guest at The Orton.

—Mr. Newton H. Smith, of Fayetteville, was in the city yesterday and was a pleasant caller at the Star office.

—Mr. T. B. Jordan, of Colly, Pender county, was in the city yesterday and was a pleasant caller at the Star office.

—Mr. W. H. Phillips, of Vineland, was among yesterday's visitors in the city and was pleasantly greeted by many friends here.

—Hon. E. M. Koonce, of Onslow, is in the city on professional business and shaking hands with his numerous friends in Wilmington.

—Mrs. W. A. Jones, of Ebensburg, Pa., returned home yesterday evening after a very pleasant visit of three weeks to her son, Mr. Earl W. Jones, 314 North Second street.

—Messrs. A. A. Moffitt and W. T. Joyner, Jr., with the Atlantic Coast Coast Line at Florence, S. C., spent yesterday in the city and were pleasantly greeted by their many friends in Wilmington.

—Colonel P .M. Pearsall, of Newbern, was in the city yesterday on his way to Elizabethtown on professional business with Judge C. C. Lyon. He went up yesterday evening on the steamer Lyon and will return via Clarkton.

—Mr. A. G. Holmes, of Council's, was in the city yesterday on a business trip. Mr. Holmes has decided to dispose of his well established business interests at Kelly's on the Cape Fear river, and an advertisement from him to this effect may be found elsewhere in today's paper.

—Rev. and Mrs. George B. Webster and little daughter, Thelma Gooding, are visiting in the city and are the guests of Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Gooding, No. 511 North Fourth street. Rev. Mr. Webster was formerly pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church in this city and is being pleasantly greeted by many friends in the city. On Saturday Mr. and Mrs. Webster will leave for Red Springs to visit relatives before returning to their home in Perquimans county.

THE BANKING SITUATION.

No Changes Yesterday — People's Stockholders in Session.

There were no developments yesterday in the big bank transactions of the past two days and arrangements are now merely being made to carry out the two big mergers that have been effected. It was stated yesterday that Mr. J. W. Norwood would make no effort at the present time to establish another National Bank here and it is a question whether another movement to this end will succeed. It was learned yesterday that Mr. Norwood while here this week held a conference with a number of leading business men with reference to the establishment of another commercial institution, but that the other interests construed the agreement he entered into some time ago when he sold the Atlantic National Bank to estop him from again entering active business here and rather than to have any controversy over the matter he decided not to prosecute his arrangements for opening another bank any further, for the present at least.

A meeting of the stockholders of the People's Savings bank was held yesterday morning at which the recent merger as effected with the Carolina Savings and Trust Company by the directors was approved. Nothing else in regard to the meeting was given out for publication as to the merger. The directors of the Carolina Savings and Trust Company are called to meet on the 26th to complete their part of the transaction.

You will save time, worry and Wilmington Gold Bond Trading Stamps by doing your Christmas shopping at Platt & Haar's. **

LOCAL DOTS.

—The schooner John W. Hall cleared yesterday afternoon for New York with cargo of lumber from the Cape Fear Lumber Co.

—Captain Bradshaw, owner of the steamer A. J. Johnson expects to put his boat in commission again today and will clear for Chinquepin, Duplin county, up Black river.

—The local cotton market dropped to 11 cents for middling yesterday but the receipts continue heavy. Yesterday 2,594 bales came in against only 72 bales received same day last season.

—The steamer Lyon was in port yesterday with cargo of 94 bales of cotton, miscellaneous freight and a large passenger list. She cleared at 6 o'clock yesterday evening for the return trip.

—Captain C. D. Maffitt was advised yesterday that the schooner Augustus Welt was towed into Lookout Bight by the revenue cutter Seminole. The cutter will remain at Lookout for a few days according to advices received here until arrangements are made to tow the schooner either North or to her destination at Savannah.

—There were but two trifling cases in the police court yesterday though a number of arrests were made during the afternoon after the session of court. Two negroes for engaging in a fight on the steamer Lyon's wharf just before she cleared for upper Cape Fear points were locked up for a hearing before the Mayor at noon today.

ATTRACTIVE CALENDARS.

First of the Year Brings Many Beautiful Art Creations to Fore.

With the approach of the new year business houses begin to vie with one another in the beauty of their calendar greetings to their customers and friends. The year 1908 has brought out an unusually pretty line this season and a notice at any length of each one would leave little room for other matter.

The Hanover Iron Works, Mr. W. E. King, manager, No. 2 South Water street, is exceedingly fortunate in its choice of a greeting for its friends this year. The calendar is a work of real art and is not defaced more than posible with the pad of dates and advertisement of the firm. It is a very pretty remembrance from up-to-date people.

The J. W. Fleet Company, the King Clothiers, have something that is entirely different from the ordinary calendar. It is a panel piece in delicate tint and splendid execution, and is one of the very prettiest of the holiday greetings being sent out this season.

George R. French & Sons, the well known shoe merchants, are issuing a beautiful calendar which gives a very fine imitation canvas painting of Cassius M. Coolidge's great masterpiece, "A Waterloo," being an interesting study of animal life with a moral that points to "You Take no Chances When You Buy Your Shoes From George R. French & Sons."

Laying aside beauty, art and all that which appeals to the aesthetic side of the ordinary individual and going after service strictly, none has excelled the Atlantic Coast Line in its calendar effort for 1908. Large, distinct dates that stare out at one from the wall with here and there a modest reference to the great Southern railroad system is what the average business man wants in a calendar and that's exactly what he gets in the one now being sent out by this progressive system.

WORK ON UNION SHED

Improvements Being Made at Place of Boarding Trains Here.

The union shed which the Chamber of Commerce accepted from the Atlantic Coast Line and Seaboard Air Line in lieu of a union station for Wilmington after the fight had been carried to the Corporation Comission is being improved along the lines set out in the plans submitted several months ago. The driveway from the street under the shed has been widened several feet and strengthened with new timbers while a new floor on the bridge has been laid. The sides of the bridge to a limited extent have also been walled up to abate the smoke nuisance as much as possible. Later an umbrella shed will be built at the south end of the shed and some additional facilities are being added for handling of baggage. The improvements, while not what the commercial importance of the city merits, are considerable and the arrival of the Seaboard trains under the same shed is in itself a considerable item. The improvements to the shed are now progressing very satisfactorily and upon their completion the public will be enabled to judge of their adequacy.

GEORGE B. McLEOD CHAIRMAN.

Elected to Succeed J. G. McCormick in Robeson County.

(Special Star Telegram)

Lumberton, N. C., Dec. 19.—At a meeting of the County Democratic Executive Committee held here today Mr. Geo. B. McLeod was elected chairman to succeed Mr. J. G. McCormick, who resigned on account of his intention to locate in Wilmington after this year. Mr. McLeod has served for several years as chairman of the committee, having resigned three or four years ago and the work will never suffer while in his hands.

Pretty Show Windows.

It doesn't take the eye of a critic to observe in passing down South Front street that an artist is in charge of the handsome Christmas decorations to be seen at Solomon's Shoe Store. The windows not only present a beautiful appearance in an attractive dressing of beautiful holiday goods, but the interior of the store has been transformed into a veritable beauty palace. The work is that of Mr. T. J. Capel, who has no superior as a window decorator in any shoe establishment in the city. The work at Solomon's is one of real art and needs but to be seen to be appreciated.

Lady's tan shoes at Peterson & Rulf's. **

FOR LEE'S BIRTHDAY

(Continued from first page.)

Miss Anita DeRosset, Miss Stella Divine, Miss Jane Meares, Miss Lena Beery, Miss Charlotte Fennell.

China Committee—Mrs. C. D. Bell, chairman; Miss Bettie Price, Mrs. Quelch, Mrs. Arthur Holmes, Miss Margaret Price, Miss Steljes, Miss Avant.

Meat Committee—Mrs. W. G. Pulliam, Mrs. F. A. Lord.

Bread Committee—Mrs. Junius Davis, Mrs. Jane DeRosset.

Butter and Pickles—Mrs. T. E. Sprunt, Mrs. John James.

Coffee—Mrs. Mitt Moore, Mrs. C. C. Covington, Mrs. L. L. Pritchard.

Milk, Cream and Sugar—Miss Lilly Brown, Miss Rosa Cazaux.

Knives, Forks and Spoons—Miss Fannie Taylor, Miss Maggie Brown.

Oyster Committee—Mrs. J. C. Munds, Mrs. H. G. Smallbones, Mrs. William Beery.

Tobacco and Cigars—Mrs. Sol Sternberger, Mrs. S. W. Sanders and Mrs. E. K. Bryan.

Serving Committee—Mesdames M. S. Willard, J. W. Carmichael, Wm. L. DeRosset, Jr., Jake Sternberger, Hicks Bunting, M. G. Saunders, Cuthbert Martin, Andrew Howell, W. G. Pulliam, F. L. Huggins, Walker Taylor, G. G. Thomas, F. A. Lord, R. C. Cantwell, Junius Davis, W. M. Creasy.

Reception Committee—Miss Hettie James, Mrs. Wm. M. Parsley, Mrs. Lossie DeRosset Myers, Mrs. D. O'Connor, Mrs. John D. Taylor, Mrs. John L. Cantwell, Mrs. T. O. Bunting, Mrs. M. G. Lewis, Mrs. Gaston Meares, Miss Mary Sanders, Mrs. W. L. Smith, Mrs. James Carmichael, Mrs. Roger Moore, Mrs. George W. Huggins.

MARRIED LAST EVENING.

Popular Young Wilmingtonian Claims Bride From Rocky Mount.

A marriage of much interest to a large number of friends in Wilmington and elsewhere was that of Miss Nora Lee Ellers, the attractive young daughter of Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ellers, of Rocky Mount, N. C., and Mr. Thomas C. Ellers, of this city, which was solemnized at eight o'clock last night at the home of the groom's mother, Mrs. J. W. Ellers, on Harnett between Third and Fourth streets. The ceremony was by the Rev. Geo. B. Webster, former pastor of Bladen Street M. E. Church, this city, assisted by Rev. W. L. Rexford, pastor of Trinity M. E. Church, of Wilmington.

Conforming to the wishes of both bride and groom the wedding was of a very quiet nature, though a number of friends were assembled at the home to witness the happy event in the lives of the young people. The bride was attended as maid of honor by her friend, Miss Estelle Flynn, while the groom's best man was his friend, Mr. D. Montrose Bain. The service was a beautiful one and following the ceremony Mr. and Mrs. Ellers received the happiest congratulation of the friends assembled at an informal reception which was arranged in their honor. Both are very popular and this announcement will be read with much pleasurable interest by the friends of the young people. The bride is a second cousin of the groom and has been visiting in Wilmington for some time. While on a visit here, it was decided to have the ceremony take place in Wilmington and the parents of the young lady Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Ellers, of Rocky Mount, came down for the wedding.

Mr. Ellers is in charge of the city circulation of The Morning Star and is widely known in the city. He is a native of Wilmington but for the past several years has been a student at Trinity College, where has has a great many friends. He expects to return to college later and complete his studies.

MUSICAL DIRECTOR SUES

Action Brought Before Megistrate for Alleged Contract Breach.

Because of some misunderstanding between the two which terminated the services of the complainant as musical director at the theatre several days ago, Professor J. J. Adkins, the well known orchestra leader, yesterday brought a civil action in Justice John J. Furlong's court against the Crystal Palace, alleging an indebtedness of $180 in a contract which is claimed with the proprietors of the theatre. The suit was brought by Joseph W. Little, Esq., for Professor Adkins, while Messrs. VanDuzen Brothers, proprietors of the theatre, allege that they do not owe the amount alleged and have employed Herbert McClammy, Esq., to represent their interests in court. The case was set for a hearing at 3 o'clock yesterday afternoon but Mr. McClammy was engrossed with a number of office matters upon his return from Philadelphia and the hearing was postponed until Saturday or Monday.

BAD NEGRO THIS

Hove Brick at Colored Female and Laid Her Head Open.

Emanuel Mosley, colored, alias "Poor Boy", of not infrequent court record, was arrested at Thirteenth and Market streets night before last by Deputy Sheriff E. S. Capps on a charge of an assault with a deadly weapon upon Jane Franks, a colored woman who keeps a cook shop uptown. It was alleged that the woman was in her shop Wednesday morning and had a quarrel with "Poor Boy". He ran off some distance, picked up the favorite Afro-American weapon and hurled the brick at the woman, striking her in the head and laying her scalp open. Moseley was placed in jail and the hearing was set for 4 o'clock yesterday afternoon, but the woman was not able to appear for trial and the case was continued until today.

The Senators who will serve on the Democratic Congressional Campaign Committee for 1908 have been named as follows: Clay, Taliaferro, Martin, Stone, Newlands, Latimer, Owen, Culberson and Taylor.

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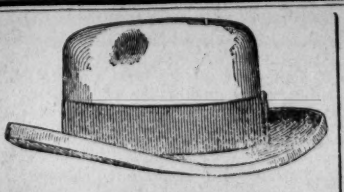

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HOUSE IS GETTING BUSY

The Members of the Various Committees Are Announced and $50,000 is Appropriated to Supply Seed Deficiency.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The word "liar" was used twice in anger on the floor of the House of Representatives today, the first occasion being when Representative Gaines, of Tennessee, denounced a local newspaper for printing a statement regarding his alleged interest in the deficiency appropriation for seeds for free distribution and the second, of a more serious occasion, when Representative DeArmond of Missouri applied the epithet to Representative Williams, of Mississippi, the minority leader, resulting in the two men engaging in a fistic encounter, which at once ended when they were forcibly separated.

The trouble arose over a misunderstanding regarding a conversation of a week ago about some committee appointments, Mr. DeArmond insisting he had not made any specific recommendation, but only had asked that Representative Booher, of Missouri, and one or two other Democrats from that State be considered according to their special fitness. Mr. Williams maintained otherwise, and the anger of the two men increased until they came to blows.

During its two hours and twenty minute session the House got down to actual work and transacted considerable business. All that remained to make this possible was the announcement of the committee appointments which was made by the Speaker.

The several chairmen immediately became alert with regard to their rights and forced the reference to committee of several propositions upon which immediate action was desired. This was not accomplished, however, without more or less debate, which at times grew warm.

The first money appropriated by the present Congress was awarded today. The amount was $50,000 and it is to be used in supplying a seed deficiency, caused by the disastrous destruction by fire of the government seed warehouse in this city. The House will meet again on Saturday on which day adjournment for the Christmas holidays will be taken.

Immediately after the disposition of the necessary business, Speaker Cannon made his announcement of committee assignments.

Many changes from the last Congress are made but in the main the members who had heretofore held important places were retained in them.

With the exception of the Ways and Means Committee, the membership of which is stated in full, the list of the more important committees here given, places only the assignments of Chairman (all of whom are Republicans) and of Representatives who were not members of the last Congress, and of old members newly placed. The committees on Appropriations, Banking and Currency, Rules and Mileage, have previously been announced.

The Ways and Means Committee is as follows:

Chairman, S. E. Paine, New York; Republicans—Dalzell, Pennsylvania; McCall, Massachusetts; Hill, Connecticut; Boutelle, Illinois; Watson, Indiana; Needham, California; Calderhead, Kansas; Fordney, Michigan; J. H. Gaines, West Virginia; Boning, Colorado; Longworth, Ohio. Democrats—Griggs, Georgia; Pou, North Carolina; Randell, Texas; Clark, Missouri; Cockran, New York; Underwood, Alabama; Grainger, Rhode Island. Entire membership of committee, 12 Republicans and 7 Democrats.

Agriculture—Chairman, Scott, Kansas; Republicans—Cole, Ohio; Gilhams, Indiana; McLaughlin, Michigan; Hawley, Oregon; Cook, Colorado. Democrats—Rucker, Missouri; Stanley, Kentucky; Heflin, Alabama; Bell, Texas. 11 Republicans 6 Democrats.

Alcoholic Liquor Traffic—Chairman Sperry, Connecticut; Republicans—Harding, Ohio; Kustermann, Wisconsin; Pray, Montana. Democrats—McHenry, Pennsylvania; Sabath, Illinois; Craig, Alabama. Six Republicans, five Democrats.

Foreign Affairs—Chairman, Cousins, Iowa. Republicans—Taylor, Ohio Ames, Mississippi. Democrats—Harrison, New York; Kelher, Massachusetts; Gill, Maryland. 12 Republicans 7 Democrats.

Immigration and Naturalization—Chairman, Howell, New Jersey. Republicans — Edwards, Kentucky; Kusterman, Wisconsin. Democrats—Adair, Indiana; Sabath, Illinois; O'Connell, Massachusetts; Rothermel, Pennsylvania. Nine Republicans, six Democrats.

Judiciary—Chairman, Jenkins, Wisconsin. Republicans—Moon, Pennsylvania; Diekman, Michigan; Malby, New York; Canfield, Missouri. Democrats—Reid, Arkansas; Webb, North Carolina. Twelve Republicans; six Democrats.

Labor—Chairman, Gardner, New Jersey. Republicans—Madison, Kansas. Democrats—Hutchins, New Jersey; Smith, Missouri; Nicholls, Pennsylvania; Ranch, Indiana. Eight Republicans, five Democrats.

Levees and Improvements of the Mississippi River—Chairman, Prince, Illinois. Republicans—Reeder, Kansas; Coudrey, Missouri; Kennedy, Iowa. Democrats—Murphy, Wisconsin; Smith, Missouri. Six Republicans, five Democrats.

Manufactures—Chairman McMorran, Michigan. Republicans—Pearre, Maryland; Edwards, Kentucky; Foulkrod, Pennsylvania; Barchfeld, Pennsylvania. Democrats—McDermitt, Illinois; Hamil, New Jersey. Seven Republicans, five Democrats.

Merchant Marine and Fisheries—Chairman, Green, Massachusetts. Republicans—Henry, Connecticut; Calder, New York; Mouser, Ohio; Fairchild, New York; Foukrod, Pennsylvania; Sturgiss, West Virginia; Douglas, Ohio. Democrats—Cox, Indiana; Alexander, Missouri; Watkins, Louisiana; Clark, Florida. Twelve Republicans, seven Democrats.

Military Affairs—Chairman, Hull, Iowa. Republicans—Stevens, Michigan; Anthony, Kansas. Democrats—Sherwood, Ohio; Gordan, Tennessee. Twelve Republicans, seven Democrats.

Militia—Chairman, Steenerson, Minnesota. Republicans—Fuller, Illinois; Denby, Michigan; Lowden, Illinois; Gilhams, Indiana; A. D. James, Kentucky; Parker, South Dakota. Democrats—Ashebrook, Ohio; Favrot, Louisiana. Nine Republicans, six Democrats.

Mines and Mining—Chairman, Huff, Pennsylvania. Republicans—Fordney, Michigan; French, Idaho; Englebright, California; Beale, Pennsylvania; Douglas, Ohio; Hall, South Dakota; Pray, Montana. Democrats—Bartlett, Nevada; Foston, Illinois; Nicholls, Pennsylvania; Hamilton, Iowa; Hammond, Minnesota. Republicans nine, Democrats six.

Naval Affairs—Chairman, Foss, Illinois. Republicans, Olcott, New York; Ellis, Oregon; Democrats—Hobson, Alabama; Talbott, Maryland, Lamar, Missouri. Twelve Republicans, seven Democrats.

Public Buildings and Grounds—Chairman, Bartholdt, Missouri. Republicans— LaFean, Pennsylvania; Harding, Ohio; Nye, Minnesota. Democrats—Caldwell, Illinois; McLain, Mississippi; Burnett, Alabama. Ten Republicans, seven Democrats.

Public Lands—Chairman, Mondell, Wyoming. Republicans— McGuire, Oklahoma; Parsons, New York; Pray Montana; Howland, Ohio; Reynolds, Pennsylvania; Hall, South Dakota; Democrats—Hamilton, Iowa; Ferris, Oklahoma; Craig, Alabama; Hammond, Minnesota. Eleven Republicans. Eight Democrats.

Railways and Canals—Chairman, Davidson, Wisconsin. Republicans—Birdsall, Iowa; Dawes, Ohio; Chaney, Indiana; Wheeler, Pennsylvania; Anthony, Kansas. Democrats—Hughes, New Jersey; Hardy, Texas; McDermott, Illinois; Rothermel, Pennsylvania. Nine Republicans, five Democrats.

War Claims—Chairman, Haskins, Vermont. Republicans—Law, New York; Focht, Pennsylvania; Laning, Ohio; Higgins, Connecticut; Morse, Wisconsin. Democrats—Cooper, Texas; Floyd, Arkansas. Seven Republicans, six Democrats.

Rivers and Harbors—Chairman, Burton, Ohio. Republicans—Birdsall, Iowa; Young, Michigan; Woodyard, West Virginia. Democrats—Taylor, Alabama; Ellerbe, South Carolina. Thirteen Republicans, seven Democrats.

Coal mine disasters of recent occurrence, causing the loss of 500 lives, prompted the introduction by Mr. McHenry of Pennsylvania, of a bill "to supply relief and alleviate suffering incident thereto." The bill provides for the establishment in the Department of Commerce and Labor of a Bureau of Mines and Mining, whose duty it shall be to investigate all coal mine accidents and supply monetary relief to sufferers out of a fund to be created by a tax of one cent a ton on all coal mined in the United States.

Resolutions calling for an investigation by the Department of Commerce and Labor of the so-called Naval Stores Trust, and the combination of cotton buyers in the United States were introduced.

A bill designed to place intoxicating liquors in a special class of commodities, subject to police powers of the States and to prohibit the entry of such liquors into Prohibition States, was introduced, also a bill prohibiting officers or directors of national banks from becoming debtors of the banks of which they are officers.

Mr. Underwood, of Alabama introduced a bill imposing a tax of one tenth of one per cent. on the average amount of deposits held by National banks for the purpose of creating a fund for the protection of depositors and creditors. It is provided that upon the failure of any bank, money shall be drawn from this fund to make up deficit to depositors after the bank's assets are used.

A bill to levy a tax upon incomes was introduced. It imposes a tax of two per cent. on incomes of over four thousand dollars and makes elaborate provision for its collection.

As a means of protecting the navigable condition of the rivers rising in the Southern Appalachian and White mountains, and incidentally of saving from destruction by fire and wasteful exploitation the rich forests of the two regions, bills were introduced authorizing the Secretary of Agriculture to acquire lands for national forest purposes in Maryland, Virginia, West Virginia, North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia, Alabama, Kentucky, Tennessee, New Hampshire and Maine.

A similar bill will be introduced in the Senate. The bill appropriates $5,000,000 for the purchase of the necessary lands.

A resolution introduced calls on the Secretary of Commerce and Labor to furnish the House forthwith, all facts within its knowledge regarding the purchase or acquiring control in November last, of the Tennessee Coal and Coke Company by the United States Steel Corporation and also any information he may have regarding any other firms or corporations engaged in the same business not controlled by said corporation.

Dealing in grain futures is prohibited by a bill introduced. It followed the general lines of the Burleson bill restricting trade in cotton, on margin, and its object is to prevent transactions which do not involve the actual transfer of grain.

Badly Mixed Up.

Abraham Brown, of Winterton, N. Y., had a very remarkable experience; he says; 'Doctors got badly mixed up over me; one said heart disease; two called it kidney trouble; the fourth, blood poison, and the fifth stomach and liver trouble; but none of them helped me; so my wife advised trying Electric Bitters, which are restoring me to perfect health. One bottle did me more good than all the five doctors prescribed." Guaranteed to cure blood poison, weakness and all stomach, liver and kidney complaints, by R. R. Bellamy, druggist, 50c.

CALEB POWERS' TRIAL

Sensation Was Sprung Yesterday When Two of Youtsey's Fellow Convicts Were Brought From the Prison.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Georgetown, Ky., Dec. 19.—A sensational turn was today given the trial of Caleb Powers, for alleged complicity in the assassination of William Goebel.

The defense, in an effort to break down the testimony of Harry Youtsey, introduced two of Youtsey's fellow convicts from the state prison, William Mullins and Lloyd Hilton to contradict Youtsey and show that Youtsey had said to them in prison that Powers was as innocent and as unborn babe and that Youtsey himselg had fired the shot that killed Goebel, that Powers and Howard had nothing to do with it, and that Youtsey was forced to testify against them to save his own life.

When put on the stand both Mullins and Hilton declined to answer questions asked them and the Judge was powerless to compel them. Hilton sat like a statute, refused absolutely to open his lips, even when the Judge interrogated him.

Eli Collins, a former convict, who was recently released from prison took the stand and answering all questions asked him relative to conversations had with Youtsey, declared that the latter had asserted the innocence of Powers and Howard.

Grant L. Roberts, former postmaster at Frankfort, who at the time of the Goebel assassination was a clerk in the State Auditor's office, testified today that before the shooting, a rifle mysteriously disappeared from a vault where he had placed the weapon. Witness saw Harry Youtsey with the rifle, about fifteen minutes after the shooting of Goebel, when the rifle was returned to the vault.

Reuben T. Miller, partner of ex-Governor Taylor, at Indianapolis, was the next witness. Miller was a clerk in the Auditor's Office when Goebel was shot. Witness corroborated Caleb Powers', about seeing Youtsey with a gun at a window the Saturday before the shooting. Witness said he saw Youtsey enter room, excitedly raise the window, draw the curtain and crouch down near the window of the Secretary of State's office, aiming the gun out the window and exclaiming "Its on." This was three days before Goebel was shot and during the Berry VanMeter contest in the Legislative halls.

Youtsey was brought from the State's prison today, to see whether he could identify the rifle.

TWENTY-FIVE KILLED

Powder Magazine Explodes With Terrible Results.

Palermo, Sicily, Dec. 19.—A terrific explosion occurred this evening in the military powder magazine where a large quantity of dynamite was stored and was followed by a number of lesser explosions, the whole town being badly shaken and the people thrown into a panic.

Almost immediately flames shot high in the air and spread to the ruins of houses that had fallen adding greatly to the people's terror.

It is estimated that about twenty-five persons were killed and a hundred others injured.

Troops were ordered out to aid the firemen in clearing away the wreck and succoring the wounded.

Several houses that stood above the magazine partially collapsed and their destruction was completed by the fire.

One of these was an emigrant's lodging house and a number of emigrants were killed.

The advisability of a curtailment of production by the cotton mills during January and February was discussed last night at a meeting of the Arkwright Club, an organization of officials of the leading cotton textile plants in New England. The sentiment of the speakers appeared to be that the mills should shut down two days a week during January and February provided the movement is accepted generally. A committee was appointed to canvass the situation to ascertain if it is acceptable to all leading mill interests. In Fall River many of the print cloth mills have contracts which will keep them busy the first part of next year, but some of the manufacturers favor curtailment and have already stopped sections of their machinery.

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A Real Wonderland.

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A SPIDER FIGHT.

It Was a Fast and Furious Battle to the Death.

I once had a spider pet of a kind the books enabled me to identify. He was a fine big fellow. I caught him in the garden, carried him home, and for nearly two months he and I took a close interest in each other, he for the flies I introduced to him and I for the amusement he introduced to me. I kept him in a milliner's box, letting him out when I visited him, especially delighting myself with allowing him to drop from one hand by his fine spun thread and then either catching him in the other or gently compelling him to climb back again by apparently eating his own ladder.

One day I captured another spider of the same species. I kept him for a few days in a separate box, and then, with the kindly idea of companionship, I introduced him to Tiger. I have seen dogs fight; I have seen chanticleer fight and slay his man; I have seen rams fight till, with his skull crushed in, one lay dead at the foot of the other; I have seen men fight; but the fullest sense I ever realized of mad, murderous passion let ungovernably loose, centered in one destroying aim and summoning every physical energy to its devilish service, I realized when those two spiders rushed to mortal combat. I stood in boyish terror as their tangled legs dropped off, torn by mutual rage; and as with vicious dexterity they struck each other with their poisoned fangs, using for their own destruction the weapons and appliances with which nature has provided them for the capture and slaughter of their prey, I visibly turned pale.

Tiger was the victor, but even while with brutal wrath, all mangled as he was, he bit and spurned his dead and limbless foe he was seized with symptoms I took to be paralytic, and in a minute or two I helped him to his death. And this fearless gladiator was afraid of, I remember, and never would tackle a big bluebottle fly. What is courage?—Dundee Advertiser.

SACRED THREADS.

The Cords Worn by the Three Castes of the Hindoos.

The sacred thread of the Brahmans is well known. It is a caste distinction assumed at an early age and never parted with. It must be made by a Brahman and should consist of three strands, each of a different color, forty-eight yards in length, doubled and twisted together twice, the ends tied in knots. It must be worn next the skin, over the left shoulder, hanging down to the thigh on the right side. The three castes of the Hindoos are distinguished by the material of these threads—cotton for the Brahmans, hemp for the warriors and wool for the artisans. The Parsees also wear the sacred thread, and boys of seven or nine are invested with it, the threads used being made always of fibers of the suru tree. Monier Williams describes the sacred girdle of the Parsees as made of seventy-two woolen threads, forming a flat band, which is twined three times around the body and tied in two peculiar knots, the secret of which is known only to the Parsees.

The use of "medicine cords" is common among North American Indians. Mr. Bourke describes those worn by the Apaches. These consist of one, two, three and four strands, to which are attached shells, feathers, beads, rock crystal, sacred green stones and other articles, doubtless employed symbolically.—Chambers' Journal.

THE PARIS CLUBS.

Election to the Most Exclusive Ones Is a Serious Business.

Election to the exclusive clubs of Paris is a very serious business. The proposer and seconder must not only know all about their candidates, but be able to bear witness to their antecedents and even to their forefathers. They must write to all their friends and ask them to support their candidates. When the election takes place, they must not only be in the room, but approach each member individually as he comes up to the ballot box and ask him for his support.

When the member has been elected, he arrives the first day as a kind of stranger and with his hat in hand. He is then formally introduced by one of his proposers to each member separately who happens to be in the room at the time. On the second occasion he has ceased to be a stranger and may leave his hat in the hall, but he is still expected to go round the room with one of his proposers and be formally introduced. This lasts for a week, by which time he is assumed to know all his colleagues, though a foreigner who is extra punctilious and insists on being introduced to every member of the club gains considerably in popularity. —London Saturday Review.

—Charlotte, Dec. 19.—An event of high importance to members of the Masonic order throughout this whole section was the formation and installation on Wednesday and Thursday night of Carolina Consistory of Charlotte. This body is of the thirty-second degree, being, therefore, the highest in all Masonry with the single exception of the supreme council, which can confer the thirty-third degree. The latter can be conferred only on persons who attain distinction in the rite and never on those who apply for it. Of this highest degree there are but three Masons in North Carolina, one of these being Mr. W. S. Liddell, of Charlotte. The others are Mr. J. W. Cortland, of Asheville, and General Carl A. Woodruff of Raleigh. The establishment of this consistory in Charlotte is a high compliment to Charlotte Masons. There is no other nearer than Richmond, Va., or Savannah, Ga. There is none in South Carolina.

George L. Patterson, a private in Company I 23rd infantry, U. S. A., stationed at Fort Ontario, N. Y., committed suicide yesterday in the guard house, where he had been confined upon a charge of having been absent without leave. He swallowed poison.

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FOR SALE—Two suits black walnut furniture. Can be seen at 402, corner Second and Walnut streets. de 20 6t

FOR SALE—Cotton gin, grist mill, land, store and stock of goods at Kelly's, on Cape Fear river; fine location for business; cash or on time; for further information address A. G. Holmes, Council's, N. C. dec 20 fri su tue thu 4t.

GO TO BAGGETT BROTHERS—They have a full line of raisins, currants, citron, powdered sugar, fruit cake sugar, prunes, evaporated peaches, oranges, apples, lemons and mixed nuts and candies. 113 South South Front street. Phone 173. dec 20 2t.

PRICES AND QUALITY Talk for a few days at Baggett Brothers. Cooking butter 25c per pound; best S. G. Hams 15c; best pig meat 11c; plate meat 9c. dec 20 2t

REMEMBER you can buy anything you want in the fruit cake line from Baggett Brothers. Phone 173. de 202t

TWIG NESTS of ferns, blooming cyclamen and primroses, palms, ferns and other plants. Pink and white carnations. Holly ribbons, cards, seals, tags, etc., for Christmas plants and flowers. 510 South Third street. Phone 1249. dec 20 1t*

JUST RECEIVED—A nice lot of dressed beef and dressed chickens, R. A. Montgomery, Eighth and Princess streets. Phone 461 and 462. dec 18 3t*

FOR RENT—Two furnished rooms with privilege of bath. Hot and cold water and electric lights. Apply 501 South Front street. dec 17 tf

MECHANICS' HOME ASSOCIATION opens the 35th series B. & L. stock January 4th, 1908. Walker Taylor, president; L. Stein, vice president; W. M. Cumming, secretary and treasurer. de 17-5t

WE HAVE JUST RECEIVED a full line of cigars, pipes, tobacco, and many other articles in our line for Christmas presents. Ladies wishing us to send out goods kindly call us up phone 77 and we will give all orders prompt attention. The Gerken Tobacco Company. dec 18 6t

MRS. KNAPP will continue her exhibition and sale of painted China and water colors until Christmas. Many beautiful and inexpensive articles suitable for gifts. Odd Fellows' Building, Third and Princess streets. de 15-5t*

STOP! PUBLIC STENOGRAPHER, Notary Public. Correspondence, depositions, specifications, commercial and general typewriting satisfactorily performed. Court cases and conventions reported. Meares Harriss, 114 Princess Street. Office phone 708; residence phone 546. de 13-tf

FOR RENT—One house, $17; one house, $15; one house, $10; one house, $7.50; one house, $32.50. Call early and get the pick. W. M. Cumming, Real Estate. dec 17 5t

NEW WOOD YARD—Oak, pine and ash wood, cut any length desired. Telephone 1467. Wood & Carl, Northrop Millyard. de 15-1w*

THE GILBERT HOUSE, corner of Front and Princess streets steam heat, electric lights, hot and cold water. Regular transient and table board. Rates by the week A. M. Gilbert. nov 5 tf

THIRTY-SECOND SERIES—The Clarendon Savings & Loan Association will open its 32nd series of stock on Saturday the 4th day of January 1908. This association has for past years opened and matured two series each year. Stock to this new series can now be obtained by applying to either of officers named below. Subscribe now and avoid the rush on the last day. D. C. Love, President; Walker Taylor, Vice President; H. McClammy, attorney; S. P. Collier, secretary.

AGENTS WANTED—A few live men in Eastern Carolina can get a most desirable contract for the best selling Building & Loan and Insurance proposition of the year. Our insured stock is interesting to everybody. Apply giving references to Southern Mutual Home & Real Estate Co., 202 North Front street. se 8 tf

WANTED—For U. S. Army: able-bodied unmarried men between ages of 21 and 35; citizens of United States, of good character and temperate habits, who can speak, read and write English. Men wanted now for service in Cuba. For information apply to Recruiting Officer, 101 Princess st., Wilmington, N. C. au 15 to de 31

IF YOU WANT your cleaning and pressing done right at right prices, give the right place a trial. Ladies' work a specialty. Membership $1 per month. Phone 59. Suitatorium Pressing Club, C. H. Beardsley, Proprietor. no 23-1m

BOARDING—Permanent and Transient. Best location in city. Meals to suit the business men. Strictly up to date. Harnett House, 110 Princess St. Hot and cold baths. Phone No. 719. se 22-tf

YOUR OPPORTUNITY—A long established wholesale grocery business with excellent reputation can be purchased on easy terms. The opportunity is exceptional. Address E, Postoffice Box 163, City. no 26-tf

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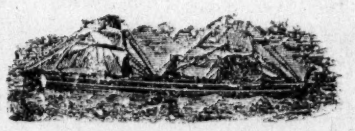

New York for Wilmington.
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S. S. Carib.....Friday, Dec. 27, 1907
Wilmington to New York.
S. S. Carib....Saturday, Dec. 21, 1907
S. S. Navahoe, Saturday, Dec. 28, 1907
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Wilmington, N. C.
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No change in our ability or disposition to serve you (and no institution is in better position to do so.)

We will appreciate the business of anyone contemplating any change, and invite the fullest investigation.

The Wilmington Savings and Trust Co.

110 NORTH FRONT STREET.
J. W. Norwood, Pres;. H. Walters, Vice President; C. E. Taylor, Jr., Cashier; J. L. Williams, Asst.
dec 19 tf

SPIRITS TURPENTINE

Raleigh Evening Times: Mr. Edgar A. Womble, a well known newspaper man of this State, will go to Elizabeth City January 1st, and take charge of the Weekly Tar Heel. Mr. Womble has many friends in Raleigh. He was always clever and won for himself hundreds of admirers.

—Raleigh, Dec. 19.—The left foot of John Glenn, an 18-year-old negro in the employ of the Seaboard Air Line at Hamlet, was run over by a train at Hamlet Wednesday and mashed nearly off. The boy was brought to Rex Hospital, this city, and his foot amputated late last evening. The operation was successful and the negro is doing well today.

—Weldon, Dec. 18.—The Shaw Cotton Mills will arrange after the first of the coming year for the erection of its proposed plant. Details of the plant were referred to as including a two-story 50x100 foot building to be equipped with 5129 frame spindles for manufacturing yarns, gas engine and gas producer equipment, etc. W. T. Shaw is president.

—Raleigh, Dec. 19.—Mr. William E. Webb, who for the past year has held a position with the Raleigh Insurance and Realty Company, has resigned his position to take charge of the insurance department of the Statesville Loan and Trust Company of Statesville. He will assume his new duties January 1.

—Raleigh News and Observer: W. T. Bradsher, of Clayton, as he stepepd from the west bound Southern Railway train yesterday afternoon was arrested by Policemen Thompson and Pope, at the instance of Policeman A. L. Ellis, of Clayton, who notified the police here that the man was wanted there for larceny. He was carried back to Clayton in the afternoon.

Newbern, Dec. 19.—The residence of Capt. David Congdon was destroyed by fire here early yesterday morning. The origin of the fire is unknown, but many suppose that the house was burglarized before the fire and then set on fire to cover up the crime. One or two slight casualties happened during the fire, but no one was seriously hurt. Loss was about $3,500.

—Raleigh Evening Times: J. H. Hester, a white man from Creedmore, Granville county, was given a hearing in police court this morning on the charge of the larceny of a horse and buggy, the property of Mr. J. C. Baugh, who lives five miles northeast of this city. A bond in the sum of $100 was required of the defendant, which he was unable to give and he was sent to jail to await trial at the next term of Wake court.

—Charlotte Observer: "The panic has even struck the live stock dealer," declared Mr. James W. Wadsworth yesterday. "It is hard to get good horses and mules these days. The owners are not allowing them to be placed on the market when money is tight. They act on the same principle as the farmers in holding their cotton. They can get more for their stock when money matters are running normally."

—Lukens, Dec. 19.—We are looking forward to a possible visit from President Roosevelt to Lukens in the near future. Mr. Geo. D. Pate, who lives near here, and owns a large body of land, on South river, well stocked with bears, and deer, has written to President Roosevelt offering to entertain him at his home on South river, and give him the bear hunt of his life. We hope Mr. Pate may have the pleasure of entertaining the President.

—Durham, Dec. 19.—Application has been made to the Federal Court to have adjudged as bankrupt the firm of Kearney & Son of Durham, composed of J. C. Kearney, Joseph Kearney and M. W. Kearney, also to have J. C. Kearney and M. W. Kearney individually declared bankrupts. In this case the assets are placed at $2,962.50, of which $2,400 is the value of the merchandise stock, while the liabilities are named as amounting to $3,088.69.

—Reidsville, Dec. 18.—President H. O. Kearns, of the Virginia & North Carolina Bright Tobacco Growers' Association, has issued a call for the annual meeting of the association to meet in Danville, Monday, December 30th. Every tobacco grower, whether a member of the association or not, is cordially invited to attend this important meeting. Business of vital interest to tobacco growers will be transacted and the sessions will prove vastly interesting and profitable to those who attend.

—Fayetteville, Dec. 19.—Sheriff Watson yesterday captured his tenth blockade still, and the smallest of the number, a twenty-five-gallon capacity one. Accompanied by Deputy Sheriffs J. C. Culbreth and A. J. Pate the Sheriff made a decent on Little River township, and on Buffalo Creek, about twenty miles from Fayetteville, the party came up on the moonshine outfit which was boldly set up along side the road, without much pretense at secrecy.

—Statesville, Dec. 19.—While in McColl, S. C., a few days ago, Mr. William Ledbetter, one of Statesville's well known traveling men, suffered a painful accident. Mr. Ledbetter was passing alongside of a large building in course of construction, when a workman on top of the building accidentally dropped a brick to the ground. The brick struck Mr. Ledbetter's left leg just below the knee with such force as to knock him down. It was first thought that the bone of the leg had been injured, but examination revealed that the bone and flesh were only injured. Mr. Ledbetter spent a couple of days with a relative at McColl, and then returned home here. He is now able to get about by the use of a stick, but his injury remains very painful.

After Supper Sale

NOTICE.

Our store will be kept open evenings 'till Christmas.

PLATT & HAAR.

As a Special Inducement To Evening Shoppers

We are going to conduct an After Supper Sale, when we will offer a new lot of Bargains for each night. We cannot mention them here. Call at The Little Store and see for yourselves.

SUGGESTIONS

DRESS GOODS, SILKS, FURS, HANDKERCHIEFS, GLOVES, HOSIERY, TRUNKS.
NECK-WEAR, FANCY PILLOWS, DOLLS, PICTURES, STATIONERY, SUIT CASES,
UMBRELLAS, BOOKS, TOYS, GAMES, RUGS, SUITS, SKIRTS, LACE CURTAINS.

STORE WILL BE CLOSED 7 to 8 P. M.
to arrange for After Supper Sale, which starts at 8 P. M. each evening.

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STATEMENT

Report of the Condition of THE ATLANTIC NATIONAL BANK, at Wilmington in the State of North Carolina, at the Close of Business, December 3rd, 1907.

RESOURCES.

Loans and Discounts		$ 669,720.86
Overdrafts, secured and unsecured		1,254 21
U. S. Bonds to secure circulation		125,000 00
U. S. Bonds to secure U. S. Deposits		50,000 00
Bonds, securties, etc		149,100 00
Banking House Furniture and fixtures		20,000 00
Due from National Banks (not reserve agents)		117,316 74
Due from State Banks and bankers		70,916 15
Due from approved reserve agents		48,125 63
Checks and other cash items		907 46
Notes of other National Banks		15,485 00
Fractional paper currency, nickels, and cents		2,518 58
Lawful Money Reserve in Bank, viz:		
Specie	$84,740 75	
Legal tender notes	61,860 00	146,600 75
Redemption fund with U. S. Treasurer (5 per cent of circulation)		7,064 47
Total		$1,424,009 85

LIABILITIES.

Captital stock paid in	$ 125,000 00
Surplus fund	125,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid	92,062 33
National Bank notes outstanding	125,000 00
Due to other national Banks	66,119 03
Due to State Banks and Bankers	107,089 94
Dividends unpaid	873 00
Individual deposits subject to check	721,600 30
Certified checks	40 00
Cashier's checks outstanding	11,225 25
United States deposits	50,000 00
Total	$1,424,009 85

State of North Carolina, County of New Hanover.

I J. W. Yates, Cashier of the above named bank, do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

J. W. YATES, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me, this 4th day of December, 1907.

W. C. ARMSTRONG, Notary Public.

Correct Attest:

D. McEACHERN,
WM. E. WORTH,
C. W. YATES,
Directors.

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GOOD SHOOTING

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from $18.00 to $45.00 They are good too.

Winchester and U. M. C. Ammunition.

J.W. Murchison & Co

Atlantic Coast Line

Schedule in Effect November 17, 1907

NOTICE.

The arrivals and departures are given as information, as well as conections with other companies; but arrivals and connections are not guaranteed.

NORTHBOUND.

	No. 48.	No. 42.
Lv. Wilmington	9.40 am	7.00 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	12:50 pm	9:55 pm
Ar. Rocky Mount	3:55 pm	11:40 pm
Ar. Weldon	4:55 pm	3:42 am
Ar. Norfolk	8:30 pm	
Ar. Wilson	1:58 pm	10:52 pm
Ar. Petersburg	7:05 pm	5:38 am
Ar. Richmond	8:00 pm	6:25 am
Ar. Washington	11:50 pm	10:05 am
Ar. Baltimore	1:43 am	11:20 am
Ar. Philadelphia	4:25 am	1:41 pm
Ar. New York	7:23 am	4:15 pm

SOUTHBOUND.

	No. 41.	No. 49.
Lv. New York	9:35 am	9:25 pm
Ar. Philadelphia	11:55 am	12:15 am
Ar. Baltimore	2:15 pm	2:46 am
Ar Washington	3:45 pm	4:20 am
Lv. Norfolk		8:30 am
Lv. Richmond	7:25 pm	8:15 am
Ar. Petersburg	8:05 pm	9:03 am
Ar. Weldon	9:59 pm	11:28 am
Ar. Rocky Mount	11:03 pm	12:55 pm
Ar. Wilson	11:50 pm	1:59 pm
Ar. Goldsboro	6.15 am	3.12 pm
Ar. Wilmington	9.35 am	6.10 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND THE SOUTH.

SOUTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Wil't'n	5:15 am	3:35 pm	7:00 pm
Ar. Flor.	9:05 am	7:30 pm	4:30 am
Ar. Col'bia	12:25 pm	11:10 pm	am
Ar. Ch'st'n	1:10 pm	11:37 pm	7:30 am
Ar. Sav'n'	6:55 pm	2:45 am	9:54 am
Ar. J'k'ville		9:00 am	2:30 pm
Ar. Tampa		7:15 pm	11:00 pm

NORTHBOUND.

	Daily.	Daily.
Lv. Tampa	9:00 pm	10:20 am
Lv. Jacksonville	9:30 am	7:35 pm
Ar. Savannah	1:41 pm	11:59 am
Lv. Charleston	6:12 pm	5:20 am
Lv. Columbia	4:30 pm	6:00 am
Ar. Florence	7:34 pm	8:55 am
Ar. Wilmington	1:10 am	1:20 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND SANFORD.

	Westbound. Daily.	Eastbound. Daily.
Lv. Wilmington	8:40 am	Ar. 8:15 pm
Lv. Fayetteville	12:10 pm	Ar. 4:55 pm
Ar. Sanford	1:40 pm	Lv. 3:40 pm

BETWEEN WILMINGTON AND NEW BERN.

DAILY EXCEPT SUNDAY.

	Northbound.	Southbound.
Lv. Wilmington	3:20 pm	1:00 pm
Ar. Newbern	7:00 pm	Lv. 9:25 am

Trains No. 42 and 41 carry Pullman Sleeping Cars between Wilmington and Washington, connecting with Pennsylvania R. R., for all points east.

Trains No. 48 and 49 carry Pullman Parlor Cars between Wilmington and Norfolk.

Trains No. 55 and 50 carry Pullman Sleeper between Wilmington and Columbia.

T. C. WHITE, General Passenger Agent.
W. J. CRAIG, Passenger Traffic Manager.

TO THE BEACH

Suburban Schedule

(In Effect Sunday, Oct. 13th, 1907.) Daily Except Sunday.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
7:00 A M	6:25 A M	
7:30 A M	7:55 A M	7:45 A M
8:30 A M	8:25 A M	8:15 A M
10:00 A M	9:25 A M	9:15 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P.M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:45 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M 11:25 P M	10:15 P M

Freight Schedule

Leave Wilmington 4:00 P. M. (daily except Sunday).

Freight received at Ninth and Orange from 3 to 4 P. M.

CAROLINA PLACE SCHEDULE

Cars will be operated between Front and Princess and Seventeenth and Market every 20 minutes. Leaving Front and Princess at 6:55 A. M. until 9:55 P. M.

Leaving Seventeenth and Market from 7:05 A. M. until 10:05 P. M. All Suburban cars will make regular stops at Delgado.

SUNDAY SCHEDULE.

Wilmington Eastbound	LEAVE Wrightsville Westbound	Beach Westbound
9:00 A M		
10:00 A M	9:55 A M	9:45 A M
11:30 A M	10:55 A M	10:45 A M
1:00 P M	12:25 P M	12:15 P M
2:30 P M	1:55 P M	1:45 P M
3:00 P M	3:25 P M	3:15 P M
4:00 P M	4:25 P M	4:15 P M
5:30 P M	5:25 P M	5:15 P M
6:15 P M	6:25 P M	6:15 P M
7:00 P M	7:25 P M	7:15 P M
8:00 P M	7:55 P M	7:15 P M
9:30 P M	8:55 P M	8:45 P M
11:00 P M	10:25 P M 11:25 P M	10:15 P M

Carolina Place Schedule. (Sundays)

Leave Front and Princess streets every 20 minutes from 8:35 A. M. to 9:55 P. M.

Leave 17th and Market streets every 20 minutes from 8:45 A. M. to 10:05 P. M.

Read the Business Locals

SOUTHERN NATIONAL BANK

Statement of condition December 3rd, 1907. Condensed from Report to United States Government.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$871,732 20
Overdrafts		1,464 51
U. S. Bonds and Premiums		259,296 88
Furniture and Fixtures		6,530 49
Cash:		
Due from Banks	$453,418 16	
In our Vault	95,667 74	549,085 90
		$1,688,109 98

Liabilities:

Capital		$200,000 00
Surplus		100,000 00
*Undivided Profits, Net		25,644 46
Circulation		200,000 00
Bills Payable and Re-discounts		105,000 00
Deposits:		
Banks	$690,446 16	
Individuals	317,019 36	
U. S. Government	50,0000 00	1,057,465 52
		$1,688,109 98

*After Dividends of $12,000.00 paid.

C. N. EVANS, Cashier.

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Wilmington, N. C.

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Report of the conditions of

THE PEOPLE'S SAVINGS BANK

Wilmington, N. C.

At the close of business December 3rd, 1907.

Resources:

Loans and Discounts		$609,417 64
All other stocks, bonds and Mortgages		10,000 00
Furniture and Fixtures		2,246 05
Cash on Hand and in Banks		110,136 21
Total		$731,799 90

Liabilities:

Capital Stock		$ 30,000 00
Undivided profits, less expenses and taxes paid		50,792 99
Dividends Unpaid		7.50
Deposits subject to check	$511,257 46	
Demand Certificates of Deposits	139,741 95	650,999 41
Total		$731,799 90

I, F. W. Dick, Cashier of the above named bank do solemnly swear that the above statement is true to the best of my knowledge and belief.

F. W. DICK, Cashier.

Subscribed and sworn to before me this the 5th day of December, 1907.

C. S. GRAINGER, Notary Public.

Correst Attest,

M. W. DIVINE,
J. A. SPRINGER,
H. C. McQUEEN,
Directors.

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Trains Arrive at Wilmington as Follows

No 44 at 1:25 A. M. from Charlotte, Hamlet and local Stations, connecting at Hamlet with No. 41 from Norfolk and Raleigh.

No. 40 arrives 2:35 P. M. from Charlotte, connecting at Hamlet with No. 66 from Jacksonville, No. 38 from Birmingham and Atlanta, No. 33 from Norfolk and Raleigh and No. 81 from New York and Richmond.

Trains Leave Wilmington as Follows

	No. 45	No. 39
Lv. Wilm't'n	4:00 A. M.	4:00 P. M.
Ar Lumb't'n	6:35 A. M.	8:56 P. M.
Ar Maxton	7:25 A. M.	7:55 P. M.
Ar. Hamlet	8:25 A. M.	8:50 P. M.
Lv. Hamlet	8:45 A. M.	9:15 P. M.
Ar. Monroe	10:50 A. M.	11:15 P. M.
Ar. Ch'lotte	11:45 A. M.	12:15 A. M.

No. 45 connects at Hamlet with No. 66 for Raleigh and Richmond and points north, and No. 38 for Raleigh and Portsmouth-Norfolk. At Monroe with No. 53 for Atlanta, at Charlotte for Western Carolina Points.

No. 39 connects at Hamlet with No 41 for Atlanta, Birmingham and Charlotte, with No. 84 for Washington and New York, No. 32 for Portsmouth-Norfolk and No. 42 for Columbia, Savannah and Jacksonville.

For time-tables and any information apply to your nearest Ticket Agent or call Phone No. 1294.

J. D. EDWARDS, Union Ticket Agent.
F. A. FETTER, Agent.
Phone 86, Wilmington, N. C.
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SOUTHERN SECURITIES

Cotton Mill Stocks a Specialty

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XMAS HOLIDAY RATES VIA SEABOARD.

The Seaboard announces low Xmas and New Year Holiday rates of one and one-third first class fares plus 25 cents based on rates effective prior to July 1st 1907. Tickets to be sold December 20th to 25th inclusive and December 30th, 31st and January 1st with final return limit January 6th.

For rates and time tables apply to the undersigned.

C. H. GATTIS, Traveling Passenger Agent, Raleigh, N. C.

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WILMINGTON MARKETS.

STAR OFFICE, Dec. 19.

SPIRITS TURPENTINE—Market quiet 42 cents.

ROSIN—Market, quiet at $2.70 per barrel of 280 pounds.

TAR—Market, nothing doing.

CRUDE TURPENTINE — Market firm $2.00 per barrel for hard, $3.00 for dip and $3.00 for virgin.

Quotations same day last year—Spirits turpentine firm 66 1-2; rosin firm steady $3.70; tar firm $2.35; crude turpentine, $3.35, $4.50; $4.50.

RECEIPTS.

Spirits Turpentine	11
Rosin	125
Tar	188
Crude Turpentine	12

Receipts same day last year, 11 casks spirits turpentine; 115 barrels rosin; 186 barrels tar; 74 barrels crude turpentine.

COTTON MARKET.

Market—Steady at 11 cents for middling.

Same day last year—Firm at 10 3-8 cents for middling.

Receipts—2,594 bales, same day last year 72 bales.

PRODUCE MARKET.

PEANUTS—North Carolina Prime 80c, extra prime, 85c; fancy, 90c per bushel of 28 pounds; Virginia—No. 1, 60c; fancy 65@66c; Spanish, 85@90c.

CORN—Firm, 80@82 1-2 per bushel for white; 78@80 for mixed.

N. C. BACON—Steady; hams, 17c per pound; shoulders 12 1-2@13; sides dull, 12 1-2@13c.

EGGS—Dull at 25c. per dozen.

CHICKENS—Dull at 15@30c. for large springs; growns, firm, 30@35c.

BEESWAX—Firm at 24c.

TALLOW—Firm at 4 1-2@5c. per per pound.

BEEF CATTLE—Dull at 2 to 3 1-2 per pound on foot.

HIDES—Dry flint, 8 to 9c; green 4 to 5c per pound.

PORK—Firm at 7@10c. per pound.

TURKEYS—Firm at 15c on foot; 18@20c. dressed.

SWEET POTATOES—Firm at 65@70c per bushel.

CHEESE—Firm, 60@70c per head.

COW PEAS — $1.40@$1.50 per bushel; white peas, $2.50 to $2.75 per bushel.

WOOL—Firm at 23@24c per pound.

THE COTTON MARKET

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 19.—The cotton market had a further severe break during today's trading with the close steady, at a net loss of 19 to 21 points. Sales were estimated at 400,000 bales.

The market opened steady at a decline of 1 to 5 points in response to easier cables and the National Ginners Association estimate of 9,323,000 bales ginned to December 13. Trading was quiet during the early session with fluctuations rather irregular but in the afternoon business was more active and the market weak under heavy Wall street selling and liquidation which seemed due to unfavoable trade reports and modified opinions as to the probable showing of the census report at the opening tomorrow. The close was within a point or two of the lowest, although the tone was steadied by covering. A report from St. Louis said that Southern mill owners who had been meeting there could not get wholesalers to take certain goods held on order, and that some mills had decided to close down altogether while the balance would go on half time. Some very bullish private advices were received as to spot conditions in the eastern belt but these appeared to have little influence on local sentiment. It was reported that the inspection bureau was busy re-certificating cotton from the local stock to make it a good delivery on the new forms of contract and this was taken to foreshadow large notices on the first of January, notice day, which comes on Monday, December 30. Southern spot markets officially reported were unchanged net 1-8c lower. Receipts at the ports today, 54,266 bales against 57,207 last week and 45,782 last year. For the week 360,000 bales against 369,093 last week and 353,701 last year. Today's receipts at New Orleans 14,236 bales against 18,760 last year and at Houston 12,529 bales against 16,806 last year.

Cotton: Spot closed steady 20 points lower; steady; middling uplands 11.70; middling gulf 11.92; sales 305 bales.

Month.	Open.	Close.
December	11.27	11.05
January	10.53	10.35
February	10.53	10.49
March	10.74	10.58
April	10.77	10.67
May	10.87	10.64
June	10.83	10.64
July	10.78	10.59
August	10.47	10.39

PORT MOVEMENT.

Galveston—Firm, 11 11-16; net receipts 18,011.

New Orleans—Easy, 11 3-8; net receipts 14,236.

Mobile—Steady, 11; net receipts 679.

Savannah—Easy, 11 1-16; net receipts 7,307.

Charleston—Quiet, 11; net receipts 617.

Wilmington—Firm, 11 1-8; net receipts 2,394.

Norfolk—Dull, 11 3-8; net receipts 3,900.

Baltimore—Nominal, 11 1-2.

New York—Steady, 11.70; net receipts 63.

Boston—Steady, 11.70; net receipts 49.

Philadelphia—Steady, 11.95; net receipts 50.

Pensacola—Net receipts 6,760.

Total today, at all ports, net receipts 54,266; Great Britain 37,830; France 10,400; Continent 10,260; stocks 990,019.

Consolidated, at all ports, net receipts 313,433; Great Britain 141,641; France 24,825; Continent 93,036; Japan 1,602.

Total since September 1st, at all ports, net receipts 4,379,231; Great Britain 1,391,312; France 399,265 Continent 1,377,887; Japan 47,729; Mexico 1,020.

Interior Movement.

Houston—Easy, 11 9-16; net receipts 12,529.

Augusta—Steady, 11 1-4; net receipts 1,464.

Memphis—Steady, 11 1-2; net receipts 2,084.

St. Louis—Quiet, 11 3-4; net receipts 429.

Cincinnati—Net receipts 674.

Louisville—Firm, 11 3-4.

Little Rock—Steady, 11 1-8; net receipts 1,921.

Total today—Net receipts 19,101; gross receipts 20,940; shipments 17,277; sales 2,030; stocks 791,149.

LIVERPOOL MARKET.

(By Cable to The Morning Star.)

Liverpool, Dec. 19.—Cotton: spot in increased demand, prices two points higher; American middling fair 6.82; good middling 6.46; middling 6.20; low middling 5.86; good ordinary 5.44; ordinary 4.84.

The sales of the day were 12,000 bales of which 1,000 were for speculation and export and included 10,700 American. Receipts 20,000 bales including 19,700 American.

Futures opened quiet and steady and closed easy: American middling G. O. C.: December 5.74; December and January 5.74; January and February 5.75; February and March 5.75 1-2; March and April 5.56; April and May 5.76 1-2; May and June 5.76 1-2; JJune and July 5.76; July and August 5.72; August and September 5.62; September and October 5.50; October and November 5.40.

DRY GOODS MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 19.—Trade in dry goods was generally quiet, although the inquiry showed some slight improvement in different quarters. New orders are being received on printed goods. Some business is offered in sheetings but buyers want very low figures. Men's wear goods are quiet and new lines are making little headway. Raw silk is easier. Cotton yarns show a slightly firmer tendency.

NEW YORK STOCK MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 19.—The atmosphere of the holidays began to gather about the stock exchange today and the tone of the dealings became dull and indifferent.

The operations showed some of the favorite devices of profesional manipulation to be in force and the whole market gave clear evidence of its narrow professional limitations. Activity was congested in a few stocks and in these the action was irregular and not ruled by any consistent motives. Any sign of strength in any part of the list was taken advantage of to sell stocks at another. There was a rather general show of strength at the outset in continuation of the movement among the bears to cover up their shorts. Meantime, stocks which have been made the engine of the bulls in lifting prices against the shorts began to show the effects of the retreat of the bull party.

A sharp advance in the London price of copper was a feature of the day's news. Holders of stock objected to any great pressures by lenders of money but the easier tone of the call loan market is attributed to the keeping of funds in hand, for the needs for the end of the week. The time money market is almost wholly nominal yet and there is no market of consequence for commercial paper. Rates for call loans became somewhat firmer as the day progressed and there was an active demand again for remittances to London. Not much of earlier gains were left at the end of the day.

Bonds were steady. Total sales par value $2,136,000. United States bonds were unchanged on call.

FINANCIAL MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 19.—Money on call firm, 7 1-2 to 12 per cent., ruling rate, 8, closing bid, 7, offered at 8. Time loans dull and unchanged. Sixty days 12 to 14 and ninety days 10 per cent; six months 8 per cent. Close: Prime mercantile paper 8 per cent. Sterling exchange strong with actual business in bankers bills at 4.8635 to 4.86.40 for demand and at 4.80 to 4.8025 for sixty day bills. Commercial bills 4.80 to 4.8015. Bar silver 53. Mexican dollars 41.

New York Bonds.

U. S. refunding 2s reg	104 1-2
U. S. refunding 2s cou	105
U. S. 3s reg	101 1-2
U. S. 3s cou	101 1-2
U. S. new 4s reg	119
U. S. new 4s cou	119
American Tobacco Co. 4s	60
American Tobacco Co. 6s	93 1-2
Atlantic Coast Line 4s	85
Baltimore & Ohio 4s	95 3-8
L. & N. Unified 4s	95
Seaboard Air Line 4s	65
Southern Railway 5s	96 1-2
U. S. Steel 5s	83 3-4

Closing Stock List.

Amalgamated Copper	44 1-8
American Car Foundry	30
Amr. Car Foundry pfd	85@95
American oCtton Oil Co	27
Amr. Cotton Oil Co. pfd	70@85
American Locomotive	35 1-4
American Smelting & Ref	70 1-4
Amr. Smelting & Ref. pfd	89 3-4
American Sugar Refining	97 3-4
Amr. Tobacco pfd cert	68 1-2
Atchison	70 3-8
Atchison pfd	85
Atlantic Coast Line	67
Baltimore & Ohio	80 1-2
Baltimore & Ohio pfd	75
Chesapeake & Ohio	29 3-4
Kansas City Southern	22 3-4
Kansas City Southern pfd	52
L. & N.	90 3-8@92 1-2
New York Central	93
Norfolk & Western	63
Norfolk & Western pfd	70@75
Pennsylvania	111 1-3
People's Gas	78 1-4
Reading	92 1-4
Reading 1st pfd	74
Reading 2nd pfd	72
Rock Island Co.	14 3-4
Rock Island Co. pfd	28 1-8
Southern Pacific	72 1-2
Southern Pacific pfd	107 5-8
Southern Railway	12 3-4
Southern Railway pfd	36 1-2
Tenn., Coal & Iron	95
U. S. Steel	25 7-8
U. S. Steel pfd	87 1-4
Va.-Car. Chemical	16@19
Va.-Car. Chemical pfd	85
Seaboard Air Line	
Seaboard Air Line pfd	
Standard Oil	455
Western Union	56@58

NEW YORK PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 19.—Flour—steady with a quiet trade.

Rye Flour—Steady.

Buckwheat Flour—Quiet.

Corn Meal—Steady.

Wheat—Spot steady, No. 2 red 1.04 3-4 elevator. Options net unchanged. December 1.06 3-4; May 1.06 3-4; July 1.05 3-4.

Corn—Spot easy; No. 2, 71 3-4 elevator. Options 1 1-8 to 1 1-2 lower. December 65.

Oats—Spot steady; mixed 55.

Lard—Barely steady; western prime 8.20 to 8.30.

Pork—Steady.

Tallow—Steady.

Rice—Quiet.

Molasses—Steady.

Sugar—Raw firm; fair refining 3.30 to 3.35; centrifugal 96 test 3.85; molasses sugar 3.00 to 3.05. Refined steady.

Coffee—Quiet; No. 7, 6 1-8; Santos 8; Mild steady, Cordova 9 1-2 to 13. Futures net unchanged to 5 points lower.

Cotton seed oil easy, unchanged. Prime crude 30; prime summer yellow 37; off summer yellow 35 1-4 to 37 1-2; good off summer yellow 35 to 37 1-2; prime white 37 to 41; prime winter yellow 45 to 48.

Freights and Peanuts—Steady, unchanged.

Potatoes—Irish, unchanged. Sweets dull, unchanged.

Cabbages—Weak; Danish seed per ton $10 to $12; domestic $8 to $10.

Butter—Steady, unchanged. Receipts 544.

Cheese—Unchanged.

Eggs—Easy; receipts 8,671.

State Pennsylvania and nearby fancy elected white 45 to 48; good to choice 38 to 43; brown and mixed fancy 38; average 36 to 37; first to extra firsts 32 to 35; western first 32 to 33; seconds 28 to 31.

CHICAGO PRODUCE MARKET.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Chicago, Dec. 19.—Reports of small stocks of wheat in the Northwest, offset weak cables and caused a steady close to the wheat market today. Final quotations on the May delivery caused a gain of 1-8. Corn was off 3-8 to 1-2, Oats were 1-8. Provisions were 5 to 7 1-2 lower.

Leading features closed as follows:

Wheat—Dec. 98 3-8; May 1.05; July 97 7-8.

Corn—Dec. 56 3-4; May 57 3-4; July 56 3-4 to 56 7-8.

Oats—May, old 54; May, new 52 1-2; July, old 48; July, new 45 1-2 to 45 5-8.

Mess Pork, per bbl.—Jan. 12.50; May 12.97 1-2.

Lard, per 100 lbs.—Jan. 7.67 1-2; May 7.77 1-2.

Short Ribs, per 100 lbs.—Jan 6.67 1-2; May 6.97 1-2.

Cash quotations were as follows: Flour, firm; No. 2 spring wheat, 1.09 to 1.12; No. 3, 1.00 to 1.100; No. 2 red, 98 1-4 to 99 1-4; No. 2 corn, 60 to 61; No. 2 yellow, 64 1-2 to 65; No. 2 oats, 50 1-2; No. 3 white, 50 to 53; No. 2 rye, 78; fair to choice malting, 88 to 95; No. 1 northwestern, 1.14; prime timothy seed, 4.35; clover, contract grades, 16.50; short ribs, sides 6.50 to 7.00; mess pork, per barrel, 12.00 to 12.12 1-2; lard per 100 pounds, 7.87 1-2; short clear sides (boxed), 7.00 to 7.12 1-2; whiskey, basis of high wines, 1.35.

NAVAL STORES.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

New York, Dec. 19.—Rosin steady, turpentine steady at 47.

Charleston, S. C., Dec. 19.—Turpentine and rosin, nothing doing.

Savannah, Ga., Dec. 19.—Turpentine firm, 42 1-2 to 42 3-4; sales, 1,105; receipts, 988; shipments, 5,231.

Rosin, firm; sales, 2,960; receipts, 3,406; shipments, 8,174; stocks, 113,499. Quote: A. B. C., 2.95; D, 2.95; E, 2.85 to 3.00; F, 2.55 to 3.00; G, 2.95 to 3.05; H, 2.95 to 3.00; I, 4.50; K, 4.50; M, 5.25; N, 6.10; WG, 6.25; WW, 6.25.

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C. C. Railroad—263 bales cotton.

W. & W. Railroad—395 bales cotton; 11 barrels tar.

W., C. & A. Railroad—1,317 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 12 barrels rosin; 12 barrels tar.

A. & Y. Railroad—523 bales cotton; 3 casks spirits turpentine; 26 barrels tar.

Str. Alice—64 barels rosin; 30 barrels tar.

Str. Whitlock—2 bales cotton; 5 casks spirits turpentine; 49 barrels rosin; 35 barrels tar.

Str. Lyon—94 bales cotton; 74 barrels tar; 12 barrels crude turpentine.

Total—2,594 bales cotton; 11 casks spirits turpentine; 125 barrels rosin; 188 barrels tar; 12 barels crude turpentine.

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BLOODY FIGHT IN CONGRESS

John Sharp Williams and Representative De Armond Engage In Fistic Encounter.

HIT HIM HARD ON THE NOSE

Blood Flowed Down the Face of Minority Leader, as His Opponent Made a Dive for His Throat.

(By Wire to The Morning Star.)

Washington, Dec. 19.—The spirit of rivalry that for five years has alternately smoldered and blazed between John Sharp Williams, of Mississippi, leader of the minority, and David A. DeArmond, of Missouri, leader of the minority opposition, culminated in a fist fight today on the floor of the House of Representatives.

The blows of Representative DeArmond caused blood to flow down the face of Representative Williams and only the forcible intervention of friends cut the combat short. Mr. DeArmond bore away a bruised nose.

The immediate cause of the fight was the passing of the lie by Mr. DeArmond to Mr. Williams, resultant of a complaint by the former that the minority leader had broken faith in "burying" Representative Booher of Missouri, by recommending his assignment by Speaker Cannon to the Committee on Coinage, Weights and Measures.

According to the statements of the principals, Mr. Williams defended his action by declaring he had been told by Mr. Booher's colleague, Representative Lloyd of Missouri, that the committee assignments would be satisfactory to Mr. Booher.

Mr. DeArmond bluntly questioned the truth of the statement, and after the failure of an effort on his part to transfer the scene of impending battle, Mr. Williams struck Mr. DeArmond in the face with closed fist.

The exciting incident will not be set down in the official records of the Sixtieth Congress, for the House had been some minutes adjourned when the first blow was struck. But there was no lack of witnesses. The organization of the House has been completed by the announcement of the Speaker's assignments of members to committees, the Republican committeemen, having been selected by the Speaker and the Democratic by Mr. Williams.

Groups of representatives were scattered over the floor, discussing the appointments, the causes perhaps behind them, and the effects to follow. In the overlooking galleries loitered a score or so of women and four times that many men, viewing the aftermath of an interesting session.

Mr. Williams, relax from the long strain of allotting preferment among the 167 fellow Democrats whose minority strength he officially leads, was seated at ease at the desk of Representative Wallace of Arkansas, on the center aisle, on the Democratic side of the House. Mr. DeArmond approached, greeted him and took the adjoining seat. At once they engaged each other in earnest talk; put pitched their voices so low that afterward only one or two members who were very close to them could recall anything they had said. They had been thus in conversation no longer than a few minutes when both men sprung to their feet, shoving their chairs back, and the gentleman from Mississippi struck the gentleman from Missouri a glancing blow on the nose.

Some representative cried out: "Look! look at the fight!"

Everybody looked, but so startled were they at what they saw no one seemed for the moment to think of rushing forward and stopping it. Meanwhile Mr. Williams and DeArmond wedged between two rows of desks, were still exchanging blows. Blood was flowing down the face of the leader of the minority while Mr. DeArmond was endeavoring to grasp his opponent by the throat, at the same time receiving and vigorously returning blow for blow.

Then everybody awoke to the unseemliness of the scene and crowded in and made an end of it. Mr. DeArmond was seized and his arms pinioned. Mr. Williams was pushed back against a desk and laced about with deterrent arms. Thus restrained he relaxed his aggressive attitude; but his adversary struggled in the embrace of his friendly captors and tried to lash out. Then Mr. DeArmond interrogated Mr. Williams as to what he was excited about. Mr. Williams smilingly, though tears of mortification, stood in his eyes, denied that he was excited and took out a handkerchief to stanch the flow of blood from a cut in his cheek. Presently Mr. Williams was led away in one direction and DeArmond in an opposite direction and both were released.

When Mr. Williams was released he went immediately into the Democratic cloak room at the rear of the chamber and while removing the stains of combat made the following statement of the trouble:

"The disagreement arose over a committee assignment. Mr. DeArmond called me to book for recommending his colleague, Mr. Booher, to a no more prominent committee than on Coinage, Weights and Measures. I replied that I had been given to understand by Congressman Lloyd of Missouri that Mr. Booher would be well satisfied with that assignment. Mr. DeArmond answered to the effect that I could have gained such an idea only by the operation of my imagination or by a deliberate wish to misunderstand. I suggested to him that the floor of the House was no place for a quarrel or scene and asked him to desist. His answer was that he had never had any such understanding with me about Mr. Booher as I had declared, and he added that my subsequent action was the result either of an error or of untruthfulness. I again suggested that the House was no place to settle a personal difference of opinion. He retorted that it was not a matter of opinion but of veracity, and said that he did not believe I had merely made a mistake. I then struck him and we exchanged blows. It is most regrettable that the floor should be selected for so unpleasant an affair."

Mr. DeArmond remained in the House for some little time after the encounter, and then left the chamber but he subsequently returned and then made a statement of the circumstances leading up to the affair from his point of view. According to Mr. DeArmound's version, the episode arose over the question of the correctness of a conversation between himself and Mr. Williams, about ten days ago, regarding the committee assignments of some Missouri members and particularly of Mr. Booher. Mr. DeArmond said he had spoken highly of Mr. Booher and the other members as being competent to sit on any committee, but that he had not specified to Mr. Williams any special committee on which he would like to have Mr. Booher, or any other member placed. This, Mr. DeArmond said, Mr. Williams today denied, saying it was a matter of recollection between them. Upon Mr. DeArmond insisting that he had not specified any committee or committees to which he desired to have his colleagues assigned, Mr. Williams, he said, brusquely repeated that it was simply a matter of recollection between them.

"He said this," said Mr. DeArmond, "in such a way as to leave no other inference than the one I suggested, and I told him I believed him to be a liar. He thereupon struck me and I think I gave him as good. The next thing some one caught my arm and we were separated."

The statements of the two men immediately concerned constitute the sole account of the discussion preliminary to the encounter, as only fragments of it were overheard by one or two members nearby at the time. Mr. Williams' blow was the first sign of belligerency, and while he frankly confessed that he was the physical aggressor, there is testimony that he forebore Mr. DeArmond's words to a length, and sought first to drop the disagreement and then to carry the dispute to some less public place; that he made no hostile move until his veracity was flatly questioned.

While Mr. Williams has for the last five years held the place of minority leader a considerable element among Democratic members has favored Mr. DeArmond for that position and there has been more or less rivalry between them, but the signs of it have been more marked among their followings than in the men themselves. In their personal relations they have been generally friendly, at least to outward appearance.

The fact that Mr. Williams' recent election to the Senate to succeed Mr. Money in 1909 will make this the Mississippians last term in the House, has encouraged friends of the Missouri representative to believe that he would succeed to the Democratic leadership in that body. The position generally goes with the first Democratic assignment to the Ways and Means Committee and Mr. DeArmond's friends find some cause for criticising the course of Mr. Williams in retiring from that committee on the eve of leaving the House and putting in the place vacated Mr. Champ Clark of Missouri, Mr. DeArmond's colleague.

COAST LINE IS FINED

Disregarded Demurrage Rules at Richmond, Va., Persistently.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—The State Corporation Commission has imposed a fine of $100 on the Atlantic Coast Line, for persistent disregard of the demurrage rules in this city, and has ordered that the money be paid within sixty days, or an execution will be issued.

It is said that still another case of the same kind is being prepared against the Coast Line Company. The offense in its failure to pay the penalties imposed for non-observance of the car service rules.

KILLED HIS MOTHER.

This Negro Also Assaulted and Abused His Sister.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Richmond, Va., Dec. 19.—Hobson Meade, a negro matricide, was captured last night after having been at large for several months.

He was in a card game, April 8th last, when his sister was sent to tell him to come home. He drove her out with abuse and blows, when his mother, Mildred Drew, went to fetch him away. She was treated in the same way, being beaten so viciously in the breast, that the bones were crushed and she died the next day.

BAD FIRE IN BLADEN

House and All Contents of Mr. George F. Dowless Burned.

(Special Star Correspondence.)

Zara, N. C., Dec. 19.—Mr. George F. Dowless, of Carver's Creek township, Bladen county, had the misfortune of losing his house and kitchen with all the contents by fire on the night of the 18th, not saving as much as their wearing apparel. This is very hard on Mr. Dowless as he had a large family of small children and no insurance against the loss. The fire was caused by a defective chimney.

—Milton, Dec. 19.—Mrs. Mary Richmond Harding, wife of Dr. E. H. Harding, pastor of the Presbyterian church of this place, suffered a slight stroke of paralysis Sunday night while her husband was conducting services in the Methodist church. The disease seems to be progressing and grave fears are felt for her recovery.

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ANOTHER BIG MINE HORROR

Something Like 250 Men Killed In The Barr Coal Mine at Jacobs Creek, Pa.

ONLY ONE ESCAPED ALIVE

Thirteen Bodies Have Been Recovered and They Are Terribly Burned and Mutilated—Three Were Headless.

(By Wire to the Morning Star.)

Jacobs Creek, Pa., Dec. 19.—An explosion of gas in the Darr Mine, of the Pittsburg Coal Company, located here, today entombed between 200 and 250 miners and there is scarcely a ray of hope that a single one of them will be taken from the mines alive.

Partially wrecked buildings in the vicinity of the mine and the condition of the few bodies found early in the rescue work indicate an explosion of such terrific force that it seems impossible that any one could have survived it.

All of the thirteen bodies taken out up to this time are terribly mutilated and three of them are headless.

This is the third mine disaster since the first of the month in the veins of bituminous coal underlying Western Pennsylvania and West Virginia, for the Naomi Mine, near Fayette City, and the two mines at Monongah, W. Va., in which the earlier explosions happened are in the same belt as the local workings.

Today's catastrophe swells the number of victims of deadly mine gas to be between 550 and 600. That today's disaster does not equal or even surpass in loss of life and attendant horrors the one in West Virginia is due to the devotion of Church duties, of a certain number of miners. In observance of the Church festival many of the several hundred or more men regularly employed men at the mine did not go to work this morning. Those who escaped through this reason are members of the Greek Catholic faith and they suspended work to celebrate St. Nicholas. As was the case at Monangah, the explosion followed a brief shutdown, the Darr mine having been closed Tuesday and Wednesday. It was 11:30 o'clock when the tenth trip of loaded cars had been brought out to the tipple and there came an awful rumbling sound, followed immediately by a loud report and an explosion that shook nearby buildings and was felt within a radius of several miles. At the same time there came out of the mouth of the mine an immense cloud of dense smoke and dust that floated across the Youghiogheny river.

Intuitively every one in the vicinity knew what had happened and all started for the mouth of the mine.

The river separates the mine and the homes of many of the miners so that only a portion of those who started for the mine were able to reach it, there being scant facilities for crossing the stream. To those who could not cross the water, the smoke and dust pouring in from the mines' mouth told a story of seething flames back in the working and from this source came reports that were persistent until late in the day, that the mine was burning.

The ventillating fans were kept in operation almost without interruption, however, the power plant having withstood the force of the explosion and up to this time the rescuers have found no fire at any place in the mine. As far as known only one man who went to work this morning escaped.

Joseph Mapleton, a pumper, emerged from one of the side entries shortly after the explosion. He had left the part of the mine where most of the men were working and was on his way to the engine room for oil.

"I started towards the entry, but the next instant I was blinded and for a little time I didn't know anything. Then I got to the side entry and worked my way out", he said.

Mapleton was somewhat cut and bruised but later returned to the mine and joined the rescuing parties.

William Kelvingston, superintendent of the mine was not in the mine when the explosion occurred and he quickly organized rescuing parties, starting one force of twenty-five men, with reliefs at short intervals, in the main entry and a similar force at a side entry. It is hoped to reach the greater part of the victims through the latter. So far little trouble has been encountered on account of gas or lack of air by the rescuers.

While these officials and the rescuers have only the faintest hope that any of the men may be living all work is being carried on upon the theory that some may have found places of safety and every point of the workings will be explored.

The main office of the company is in Pittsburg and immediately upon receipt of the news of the explosion the officers hurried to the mines and are leading and directing the rescue work.

About 1,500 feet from the mouth of the mine a heavy fall of roof was encountered by the rescuers. It is believed that most of the men will be found nearly a mile and a half beyond this point. How long it will require to remove enough of the fallen roof to open a passage to these remote workings can only be conjectured as it depends on how frequent these falls are met with. It is hoped from the progress made up to this time, however, that the farther section will be reached early tomorrow. There are several side entries through which it is expected some of these men will be reached.

One remarkable feature of this disaster is the almost complete absence of harrowing scenes usually enacted by women friends and relatives of the victims. Conditions preventing of easy access to the mouth of the mine are partly responsible for this. Those in charge of the work are doing every thing possible to alleviate suffering.

All who approach, are turned back to their homes after being assured that they can do absolutely nothing to benefit their loved ones and that the company will do everything possible to bring out the men dead or alive. The blacksmith shop has been fitted as a temporary morgue and a number of physicians are in waiting.

Mrs. John Campbell wife of the mine foreman, whose home is located at about fifty yards from the mouth of the mine graphically described the explosion. She said:

"About 11:30 o'clock there was a loud report and the dishes in my cupboard and on the table were rattled and knocked out of place while the glass in the windows were shattered. Instinctively I knew what had happened. I have for a long time feared an explosion in the mine, for I knew it was gaseous. My husband and I had talked of it and he often referred to the gas in the mine. My husband was just about due for his dinner when this loud report came and I looked out the back door towards a walk from the mine, through which he always came to his meals. Instead of my husband I saw a great cloud of dust and smoke pouring out of the mouth of the mine. It floated upward and disappeared across the river. I am sure Mr. Campbell will be found in the entry, not far from the mouth of the mine for I know he must have been on his way to dinner."

A considerable number of the miners were Americans, some of the officers estimating that probably more than half of the victims are American, as many of the foreigners did not work today.

The Darr mine is located on the west side of the Youghiogheny river in West Moreland county, along the line of the Pittsburg and Lake Erie Railroad, forty miles Southeast of Pittsburg and eighteen miles Northwest of Connellsville. The main line of the Baltimore and Ohio Railroad runs along the east bank of the river. It is one of a group of five mines within a radius of a mile and a half, and is a part of the original Connellsville Coke fields, its product being used for cooking. It is a slope mine opened in 1899 very similar to the Naomi mine of the United Coal Company at Fayette City, where an explosion on December 1, killed thirty-four men. The two mines are about ten miles apart. The Darr mine is one of the largest of the Pittsburg Coal Company, having a daily capacity of 2,000 tons and it is modern in all equipment, including a complete electric plant. There is a basket-like car suspended from a cable in which the men pull themselves back and forth.

There is much drunkenness here tonight, some of the men who got a start on account of the holiday continuing their carousal after the explosion in celebration of their escape.

There are fears in some quarters of serious disorders tomorrow and there is report out tonight that the State constabularly may be called here for guard duty.

A new air shaft for the mine is being constructed, work having started on it several months ago. Had this been completed it is said, the loss of life today would have been much less serious.

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